

# SI Analysis & Measurement as easy as mobile apps

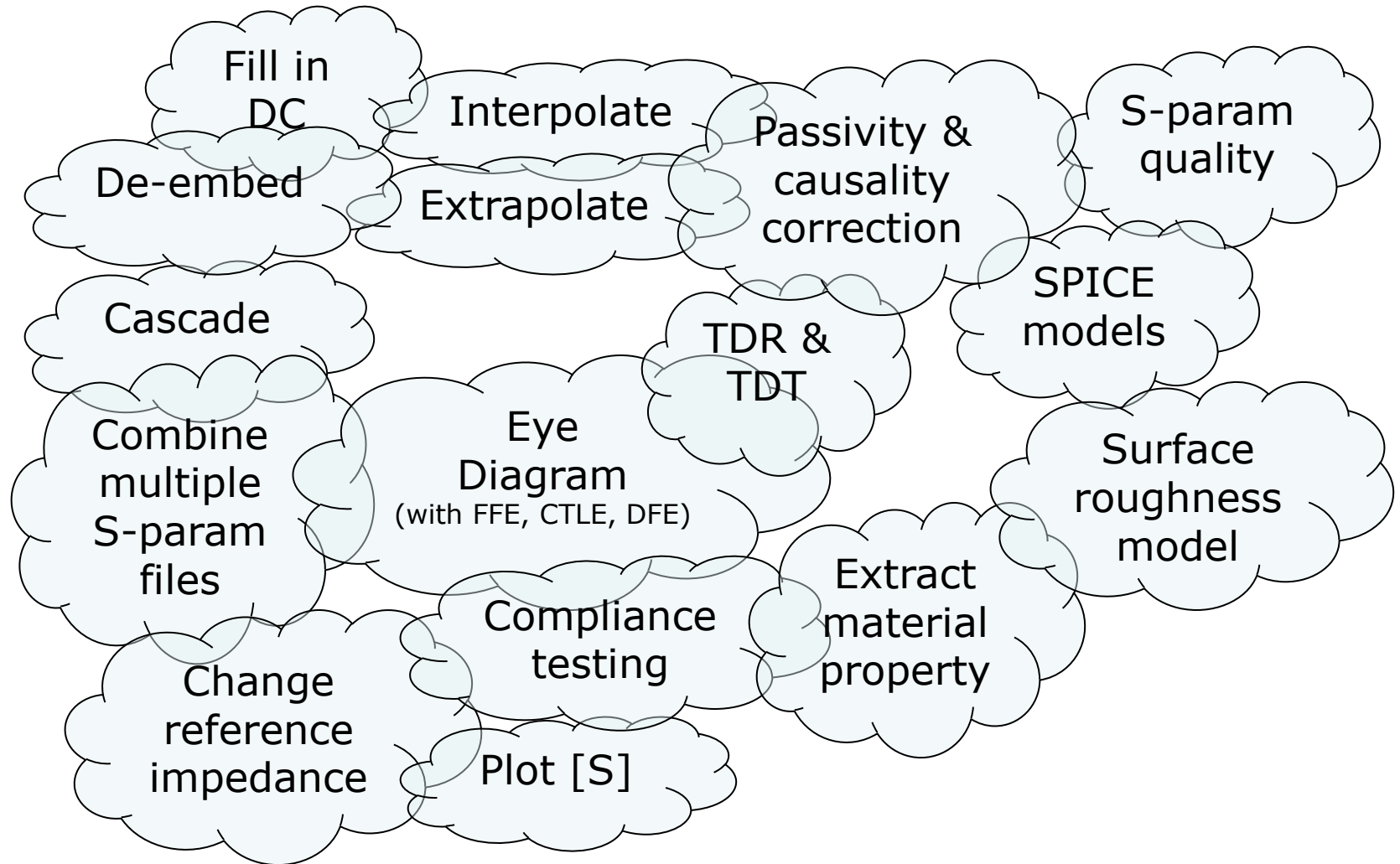
*ISD, ADK, X2D2*

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# Outline

- Can SI tools be made like mobile apps?
- Introduction of AtaiTec SI software
  - Most applications in ~3 clicks.
- In-Situ De-embedding (ISD)
  - Fix causality problems commonly found in other de-embedding tools.
- Advanced Design Kit (ADK)
  - Many mobile-apps-like SI tools in one place: S-param quality, TDR/TDT, eye diagrams, compliance testing, ...
- Advanced 2D solver (X2D2)
  - Model and extract DK, DF and roughness.

If it takes more than 5 seconds to do any of these, it is too long...



# Confucius said...

The mechanic that would perfect his work must first sharpen his tools.

工欲善其事，必先利其器。

To have a good job, find a good boss and good co-workers.

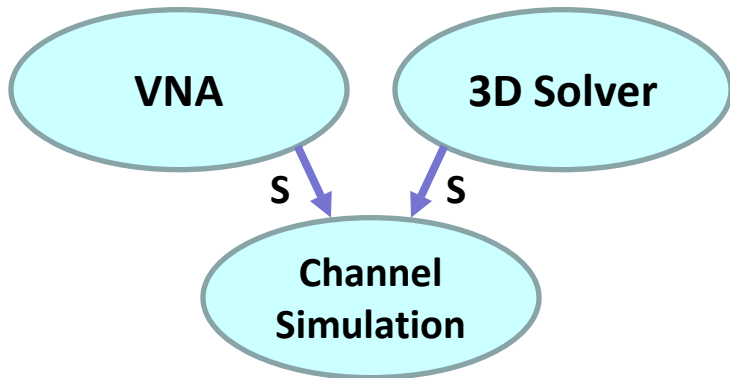
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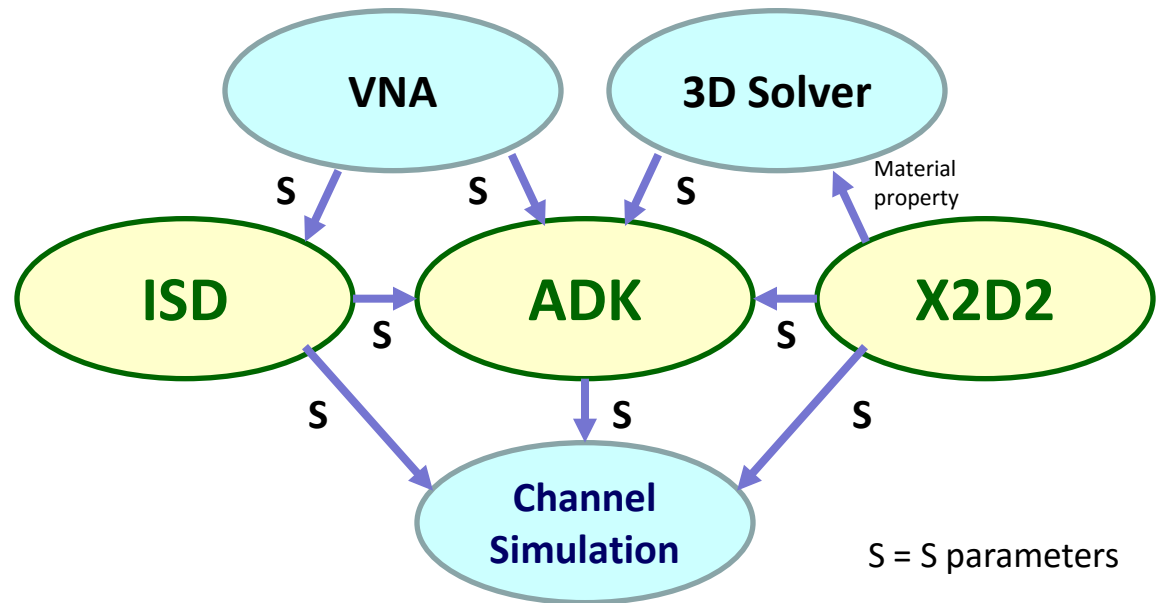
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# "Sharp" tools from AtaiTec

*Mobile-apps-like SI software increases productivity*



Current flow



S = S parameters

AtaiTec enhanced flow

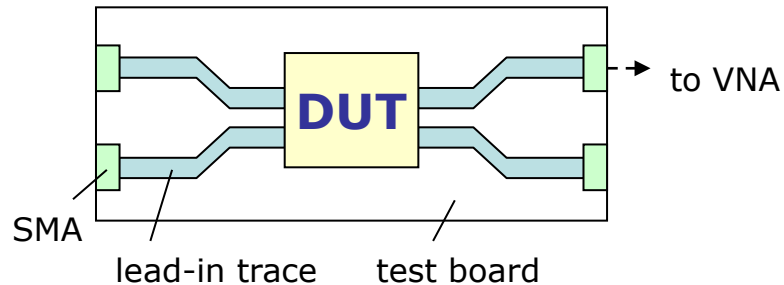
# AtaiTec SI software

*Most applications in ~3 clicks*

- In-Situ De-Embedding (ISD)
  - A cost-saving alternative to replace TRL calibration.
  - Simple – Only one 2x through test coupon is needed.
  - Save \$\$\$ – Save SMAs, board material, and time.
  - Accurate – Remove fixture crosstalk; causal DUT results.
  
- Advanced Signal Integrity Design Kits (ADK)
  - TDR/TDT, passivity & causality correction, eye diagrams, S-to-Spice, scope de-embedding and a lot more.
  - Complex SI operations in one mouse click.
  
- X2D2
  - Accurate 2D solver for modeling causal dielectric and surface roughness.
  - Extract material property with ISD.

# In-Situ De-embedding (ISD)

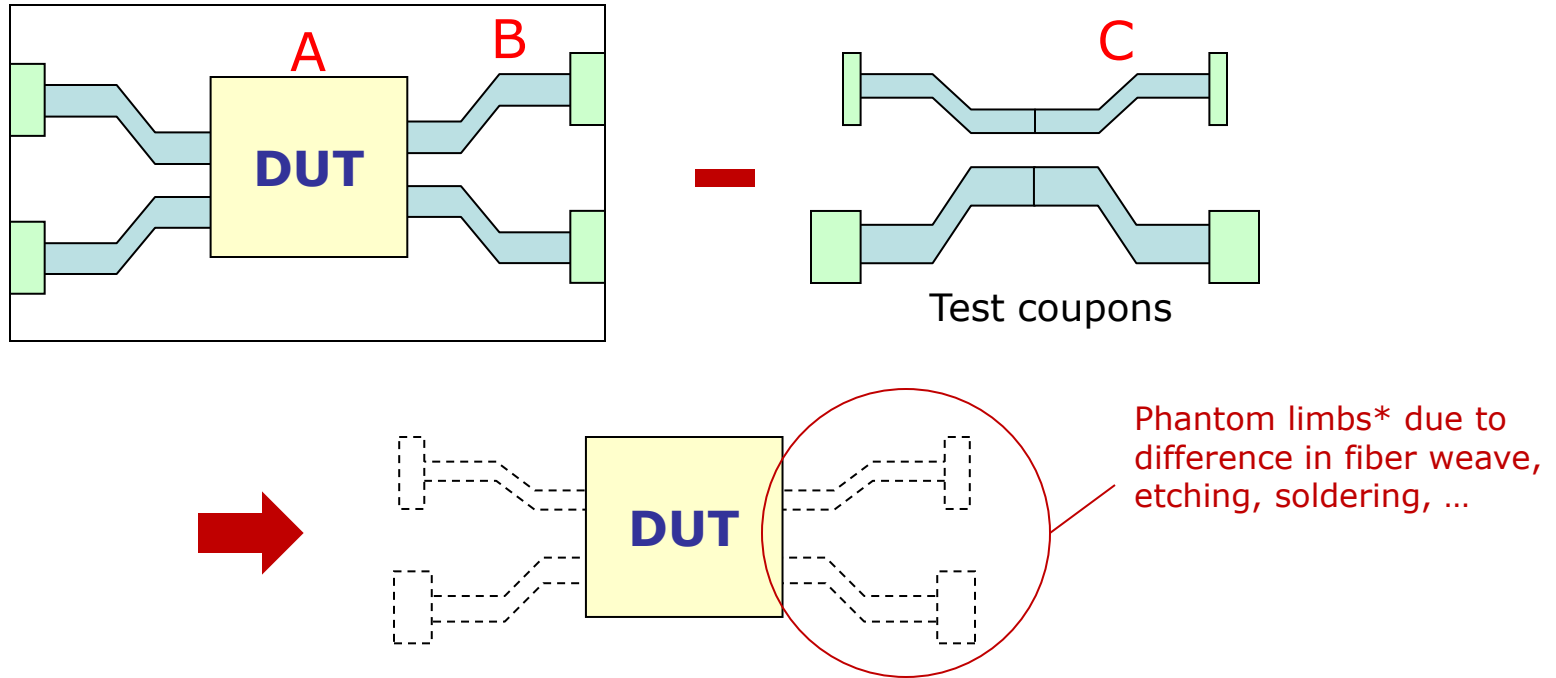
## *Causal by construction*



- The goal is to de-embed the fixture effect and extract DUT data.
- ISD uses "2x thru" or "1x open / 1x short" as reference and de-embeds fixture's actual impedance through optimization. *In Situ*
- De-embedding is made easy as 1-2-3.
- Save SMAs, board material and time.

# Why do most de-embedding tools give causality error

- Most tools use test coupons directly for de-embedding, so difference between actual fixture and test coupons gets piled up into DUT results.

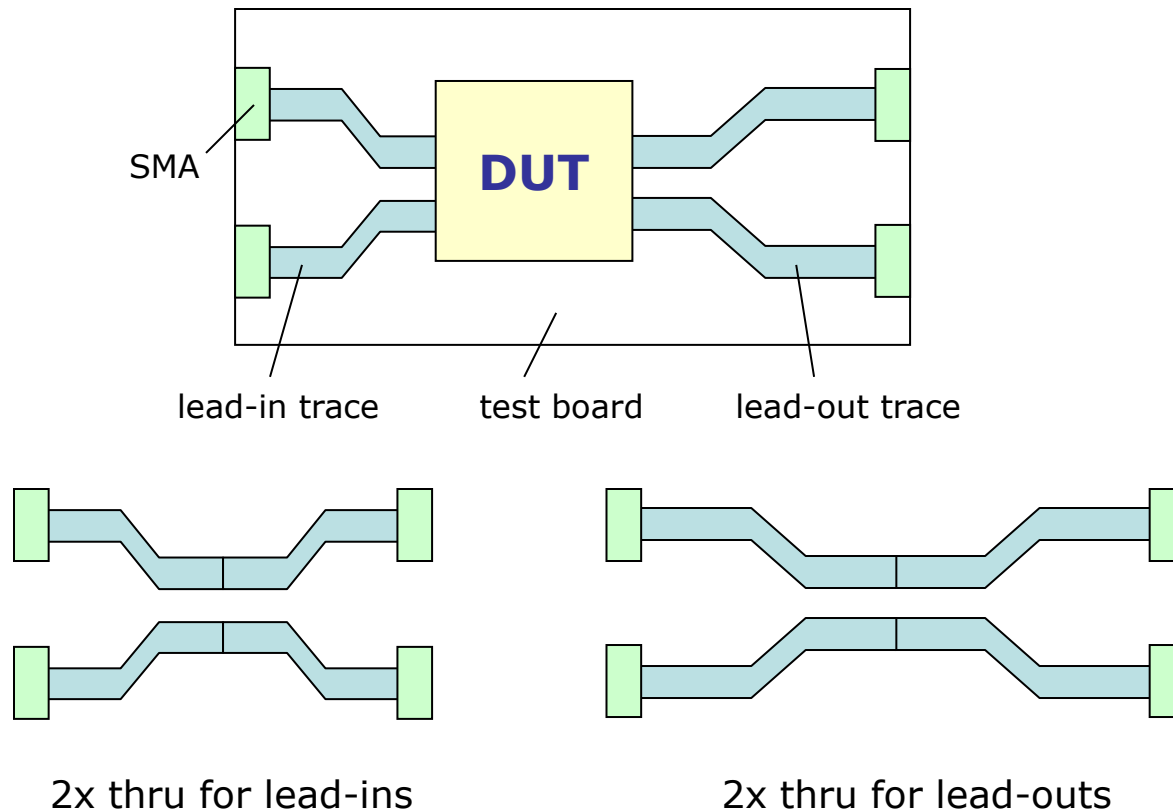


\* <http://www.edn.com/electronics-blogs/test-voices/4438677/Software-tool-fixes-some-causality-violations> by Eric Bogatin



# What is "2x thru"

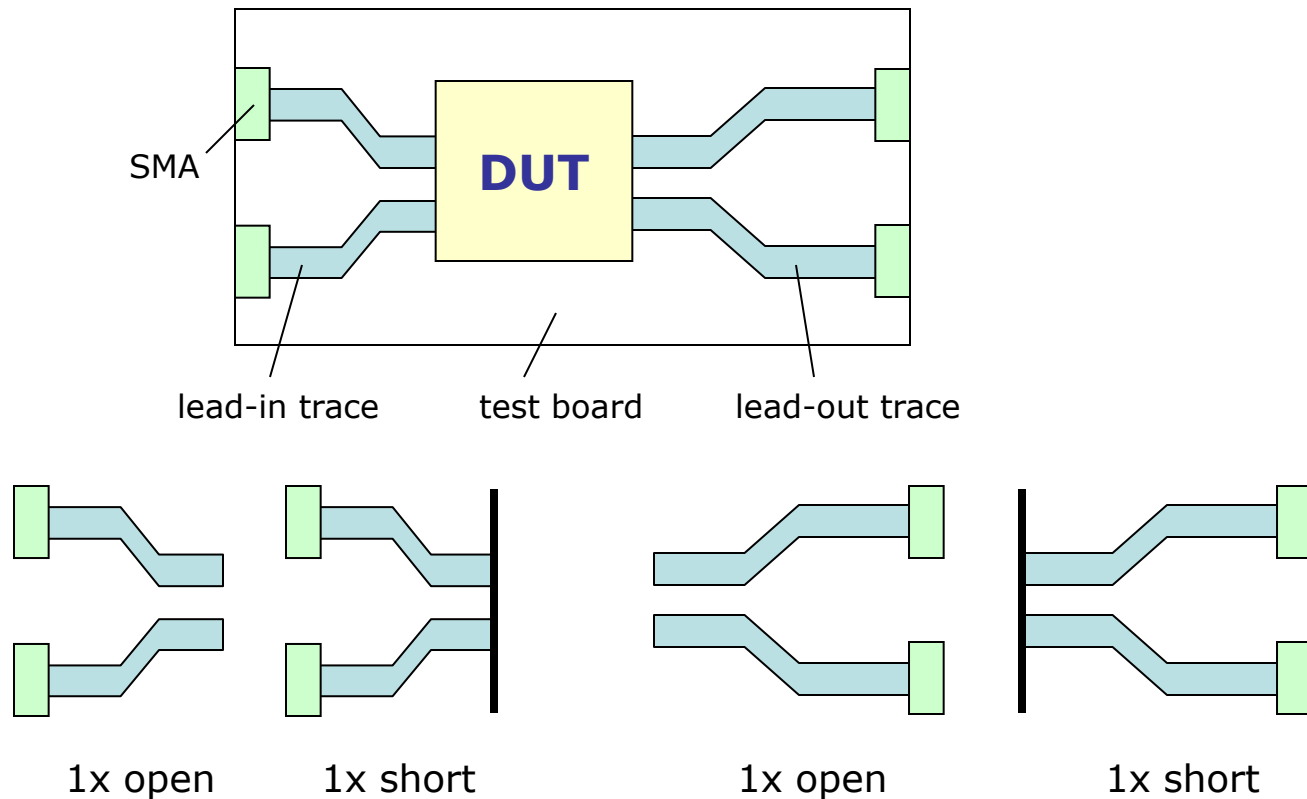
- "2x thru" is 2x lead-ins or lead-outs.



*2 sets of "2x thru" are required for asymmetric fixture.*

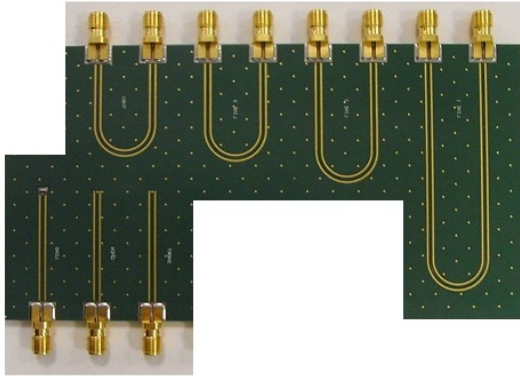
# What is "1x open / 1x short"

- "1x open / 1x short" is useful when "2x thru" is not possible (e.g., connector vias, package, ...).



# Why ISD is more accurate and saves \$\$\$

## TRL calibration board



- More board space - Multiple test coupons are required.
- Test coupons are used directly for de-embedding.
- All difference between calibration and actual DUT boards gets piled up into DUT results.
- Expensive SMAs, board materials (Roger) and tight-etching-tolerance are required.
  - Impossible to guarantee all SMAs and traces are identical (consider weaves, etching, ...)
- Time-consuming manual calibration is required.
  - Reference plane is in front of DUT.

## ISD test coupon

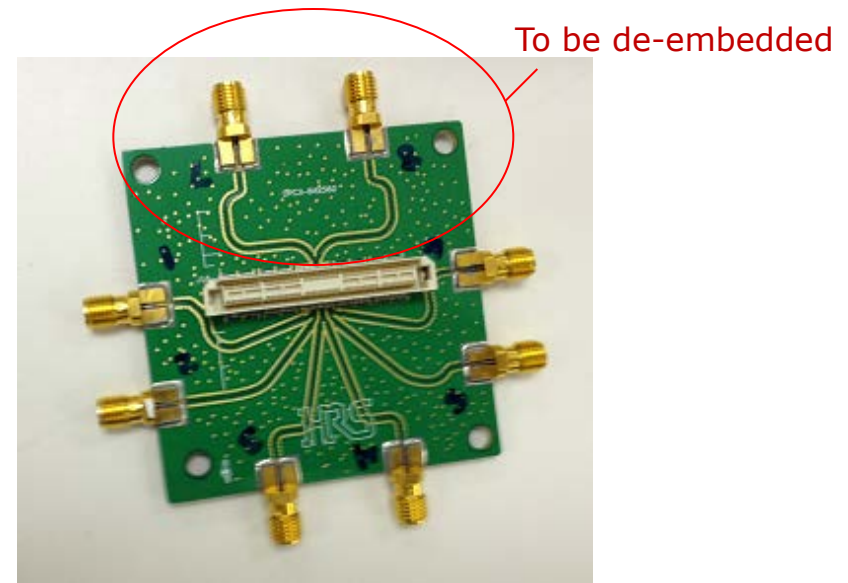
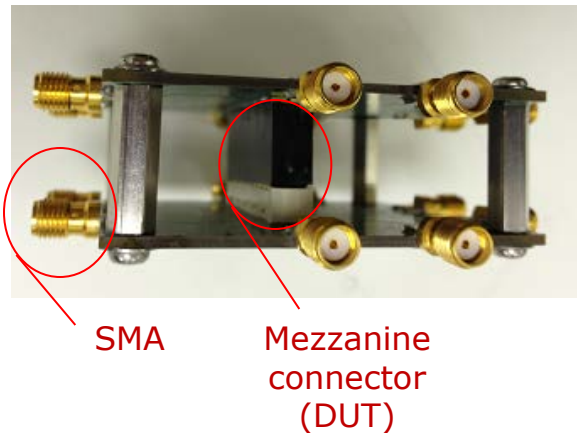


- Only one 2x thru test coupon is needed.
- Test coupon is used only for reference, not for direct de-embedding.
- Actual DUT board impedance is de-embedded.
- Inexpensive SMAs, board materials (FR4) and loose-etching-tolerance can be used.
- ECal can be used for fast SOLT calibration.
  - Reference plane is in front of SMA.
  - De-embedding is made easy as 1-2-3 with only two input files: 2x thru and DUT board (SMA-to-SMA) Touchstone files.
  - More information: Both de-embedding and DUT files are provided as outputs.

## Example 1: Mezzanine connector

*ISD vs. TRL*

- In this example, we will use ISD and TRL to extract a mezzanine connector and compare their results.

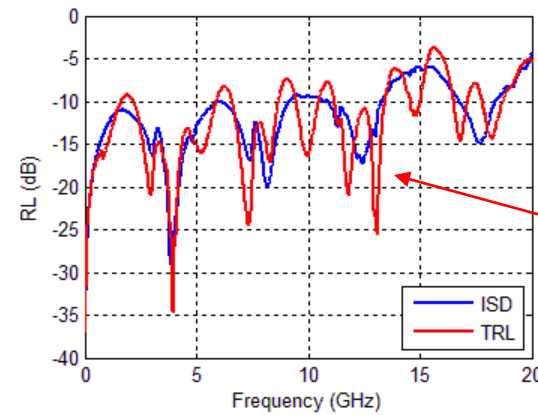
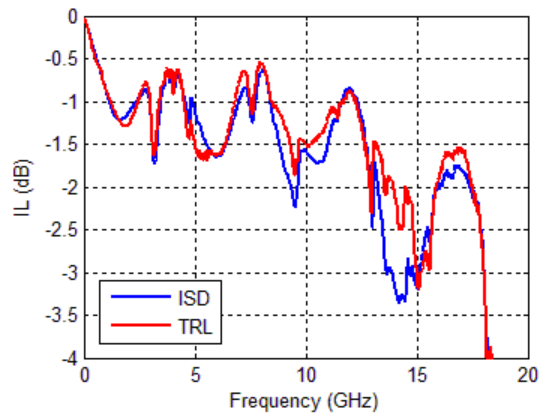


\*Courtesy of Hirose Electric

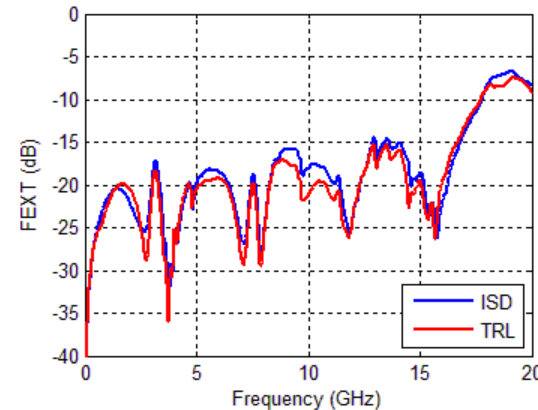
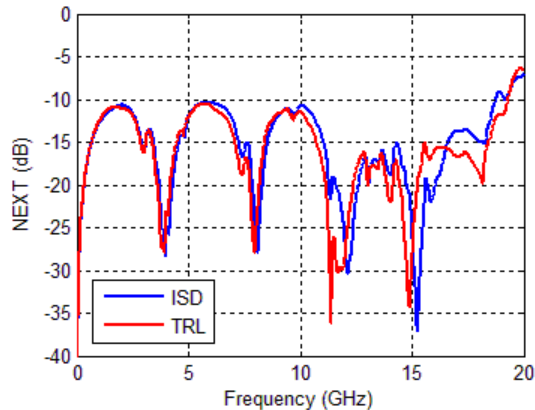
# DUT results after ISD and TRL

*Which one is more accurate?*

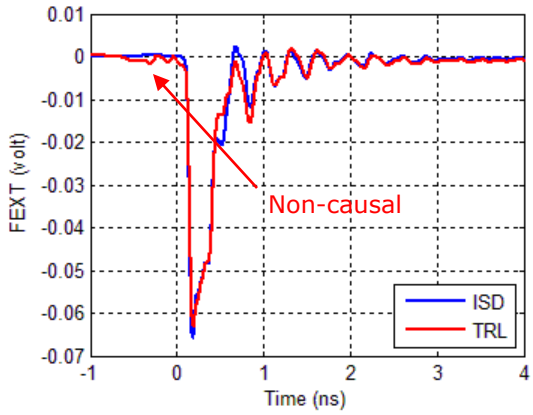
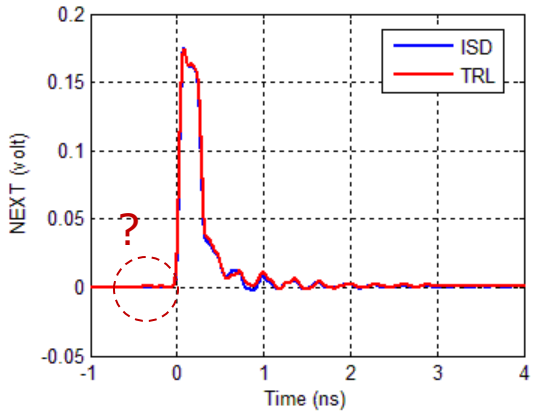
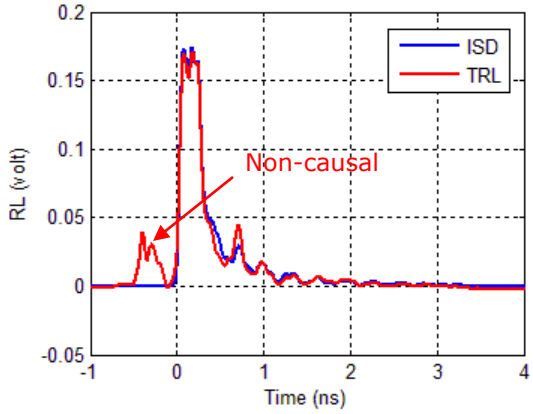
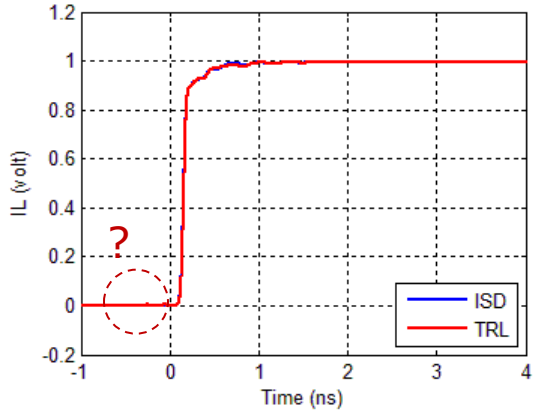
- TRL gives too many ripples in return loss (RL) for such a small DUT.



Non-causal ripples



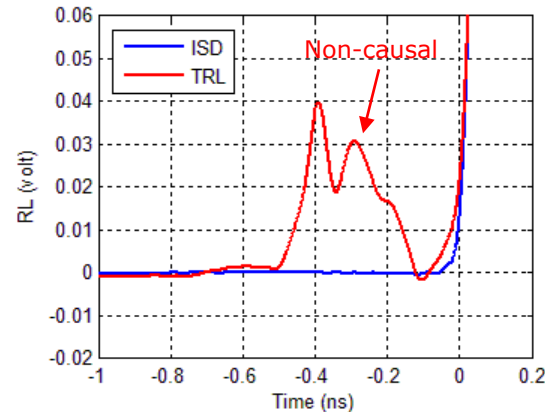
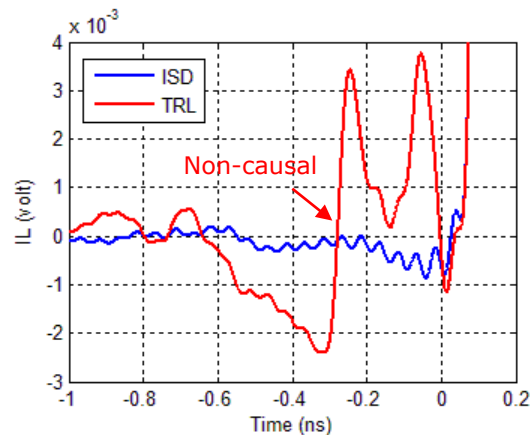
# Converting S parameter into TDR/TDT shows non-causality in TRL results



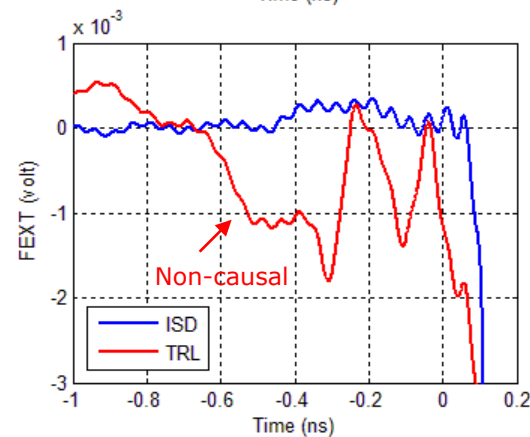
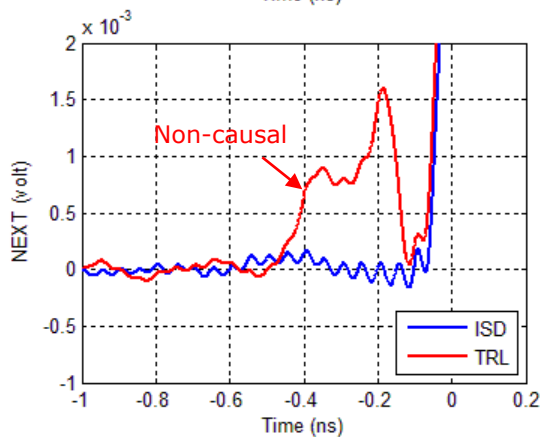
Rise time = 40ps (20/80)

# Zoom-in shows non-causal TRL results in all IL, RL, NEXT and FEXT

- TRL causes time-domain errors of 0.38% (IL), 25.81% (RL), 1.05% (NEXT) and 2.86% (FEXT) in this case\*.



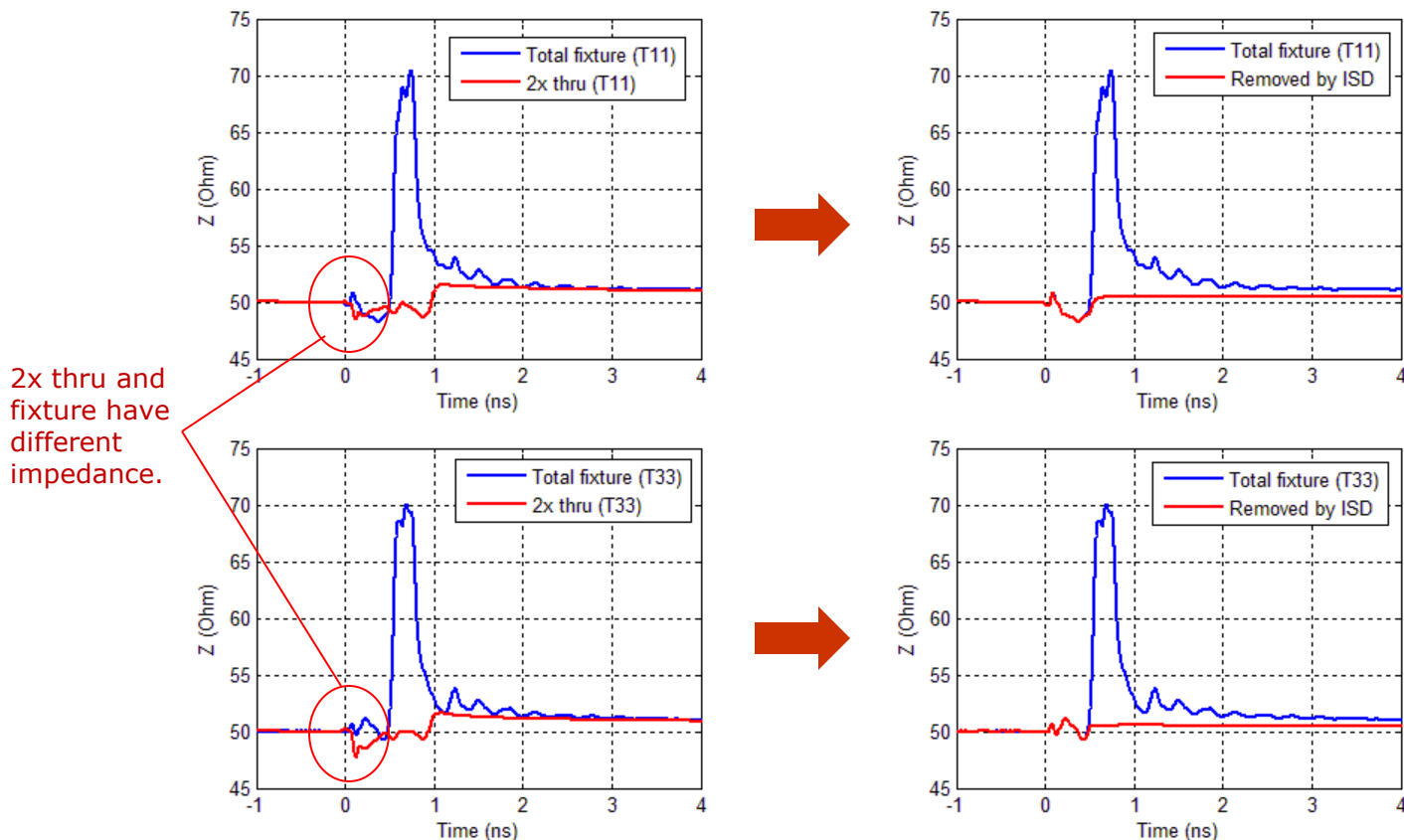
\* The percentage is larger with single-bit response and/or faster rise time.



Rise time = 40ps (20/80)

# How did ISD do it?

- Through optimization, ISD de-embeds fixture's impedance exactly, independent of 2x thru's impedance.

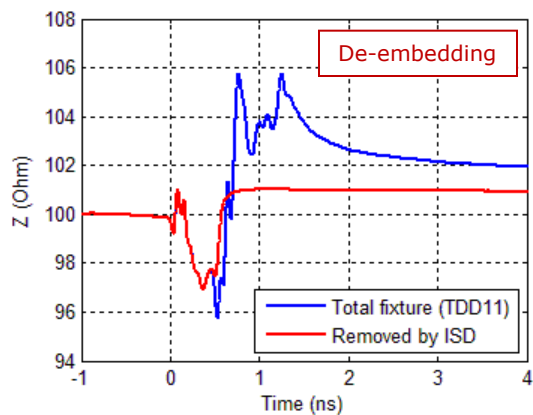


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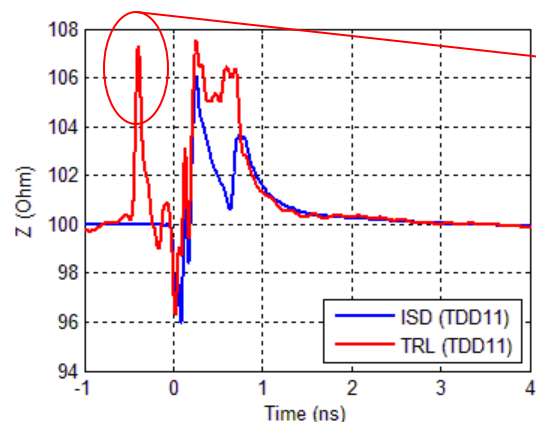
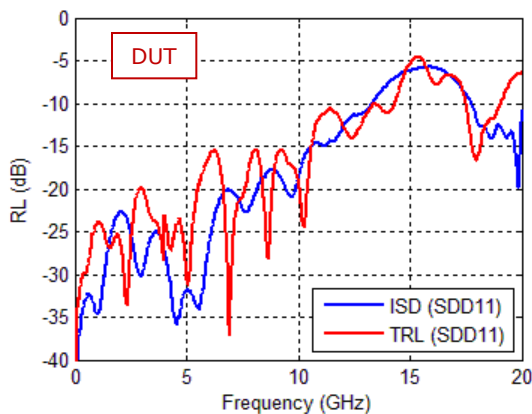


# TRL can give huge error in SDD11 even with small impedance variation\*

- ISD is able to de-embed fixture's differential impedance with only a single-trace 2x thru.



\* The impedance variation between 2x thru and fixture is less than 5%. (See previous slide.)

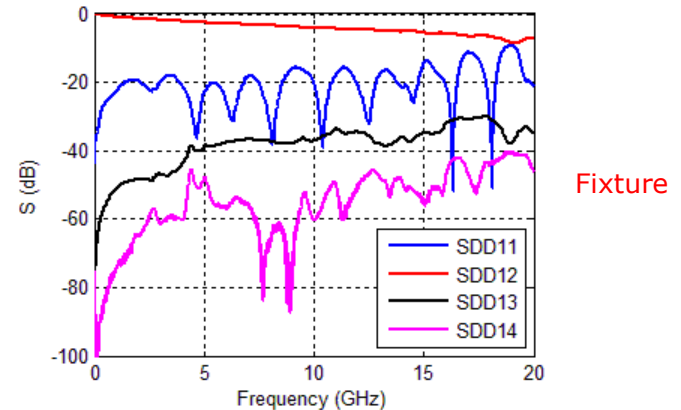
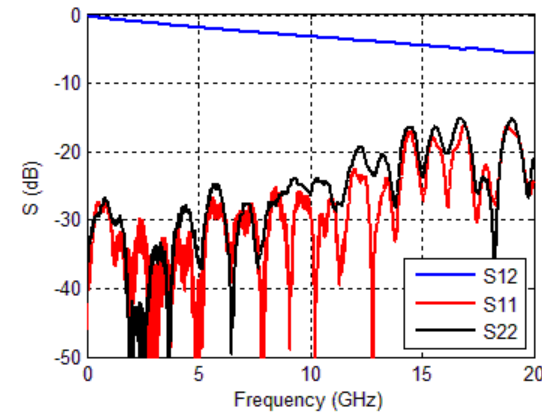
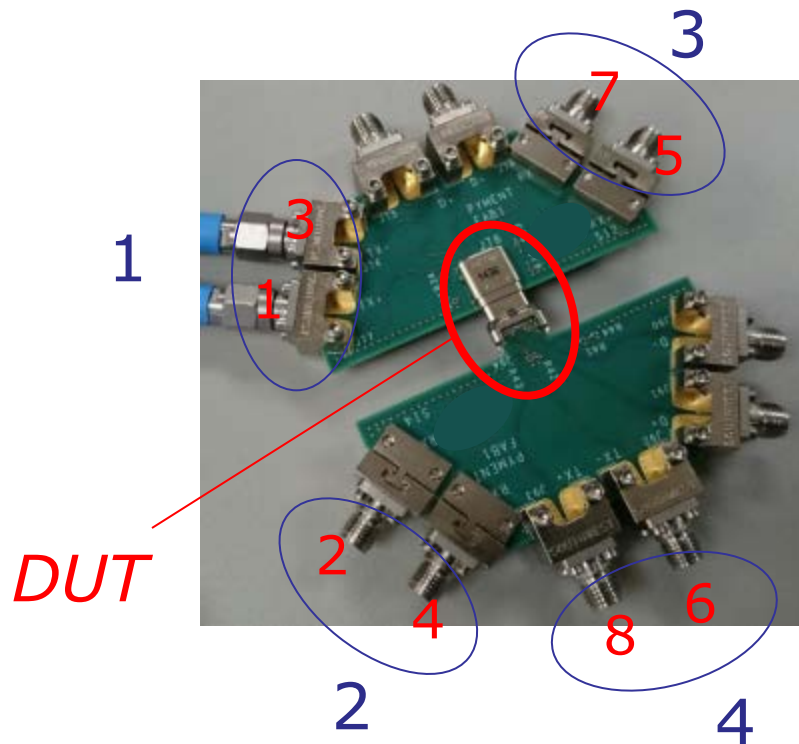


TRL gives more than 100% error due to causality violation.

Rise time = 40ps (20/80)

## Example 2: USB type C mated connector *ISD vs. AFR*

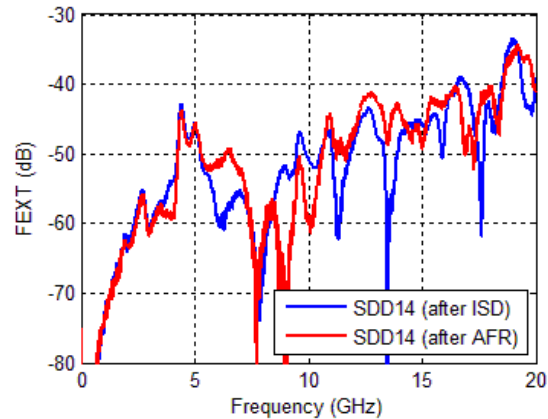
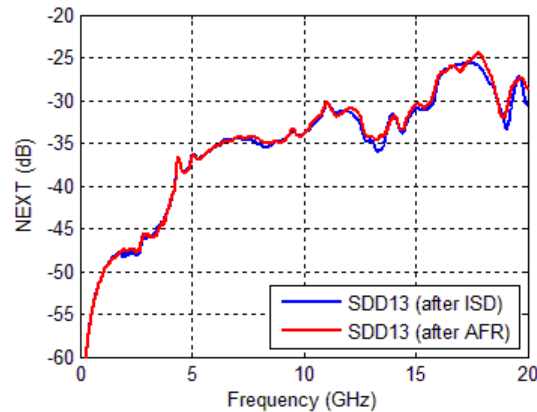
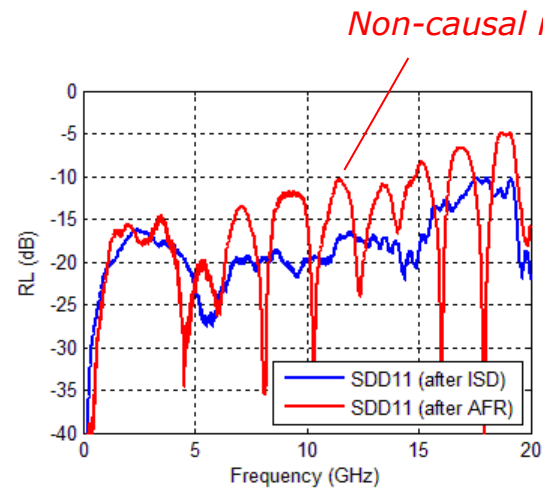
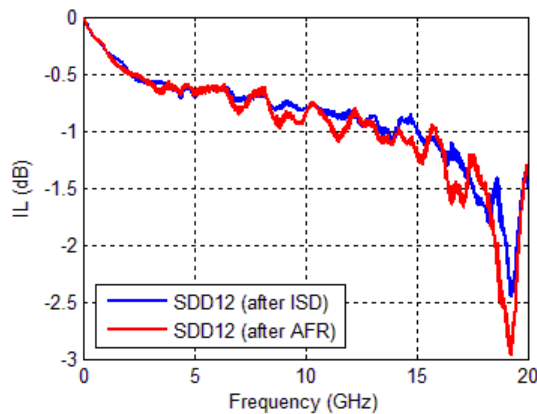
- Good de-embedding is crucial for meeting compliance spec.



# DUT results after ISD and AFR

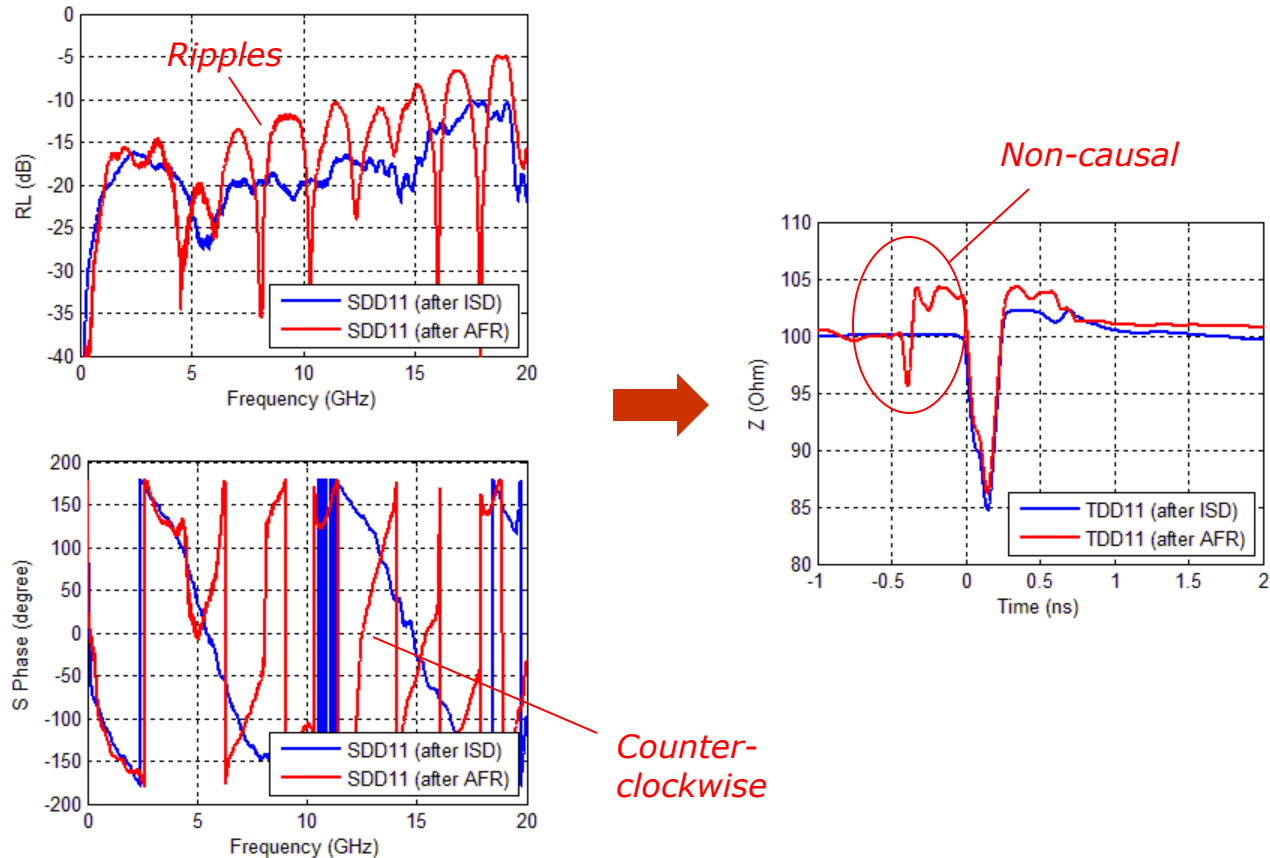
*Which one is more accurate?*

- AFR gives too many ripples in return loss (RL) for such a small DUT.



# Converting S parameter into TDR/TDT shows non-causality in AFR results

- Counterclockwise phase angle is another indication of non-causality.

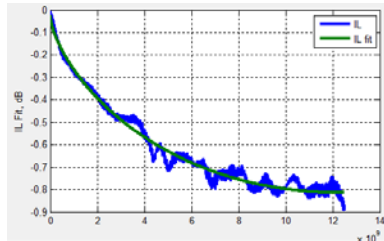


# De-embedding affects pass or fail of compliance spec.

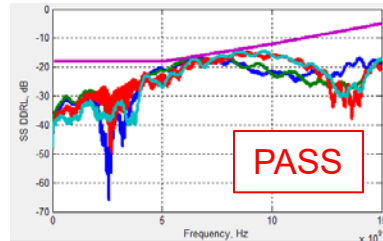
- ISD improves IMR and IRL (from compliance tool).

## ISD

	Value (Pass/Fail)
ILfit@2.5GHz	-0.4
ILfit@5.0 GHz	-0.6
ILfit@10.0GHz	-0.8
IMR	-45.1
IRL	-23.2
INEXT	-41.5
IFEXT	-49.2
SCD12/SCD21	-23



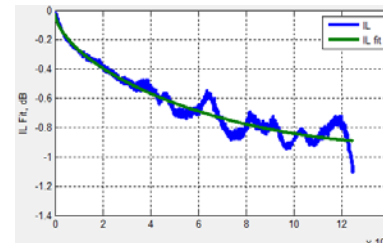
IL



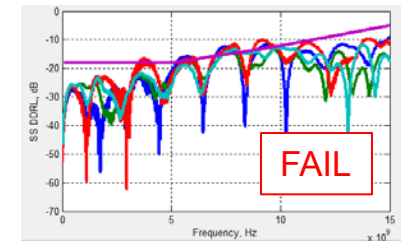
RL

## AFR

	Value (Pass/Fail)	Spec
ILfit@2.5GHz	-0.4	-0.6
ILfit@5.0 GHz	-0.6	-0.8
ILfit@10.0GHz	-0.9	-1.0
IMR	-43.7	-40
IRL	-20.8	-18
INEXT	-41.5	-44
IFEXT	-49.3	-44
SCD12/SCD21	-23.2	



IL

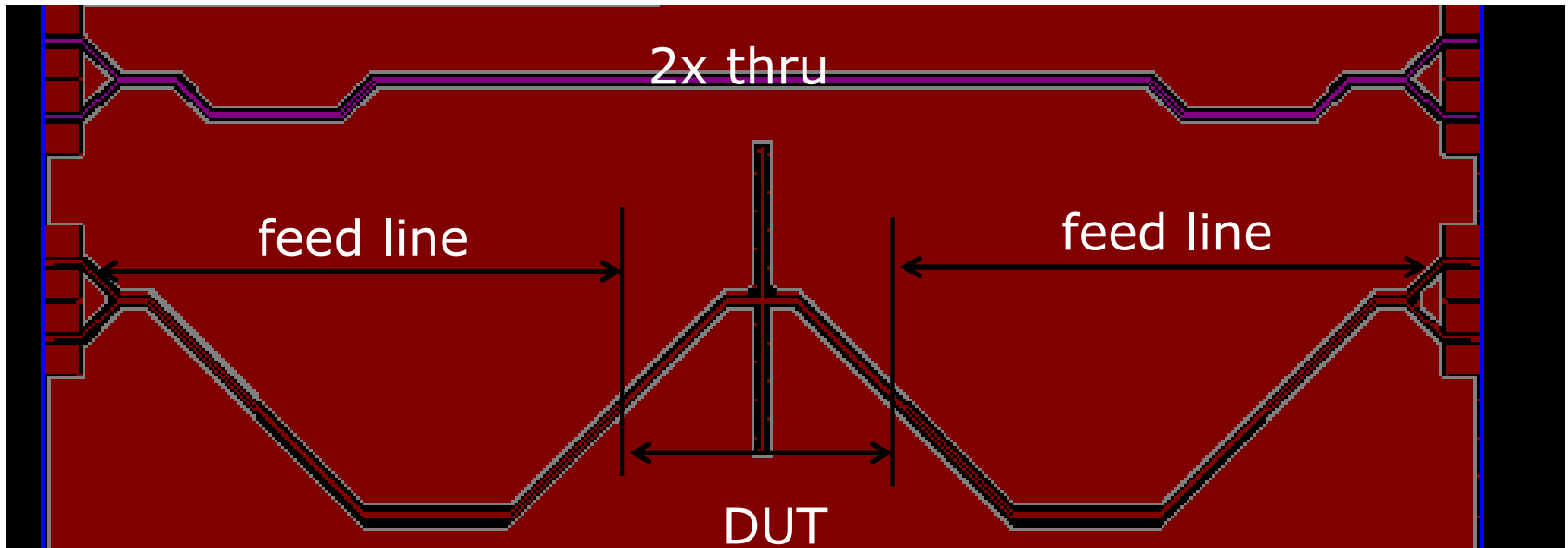


RL

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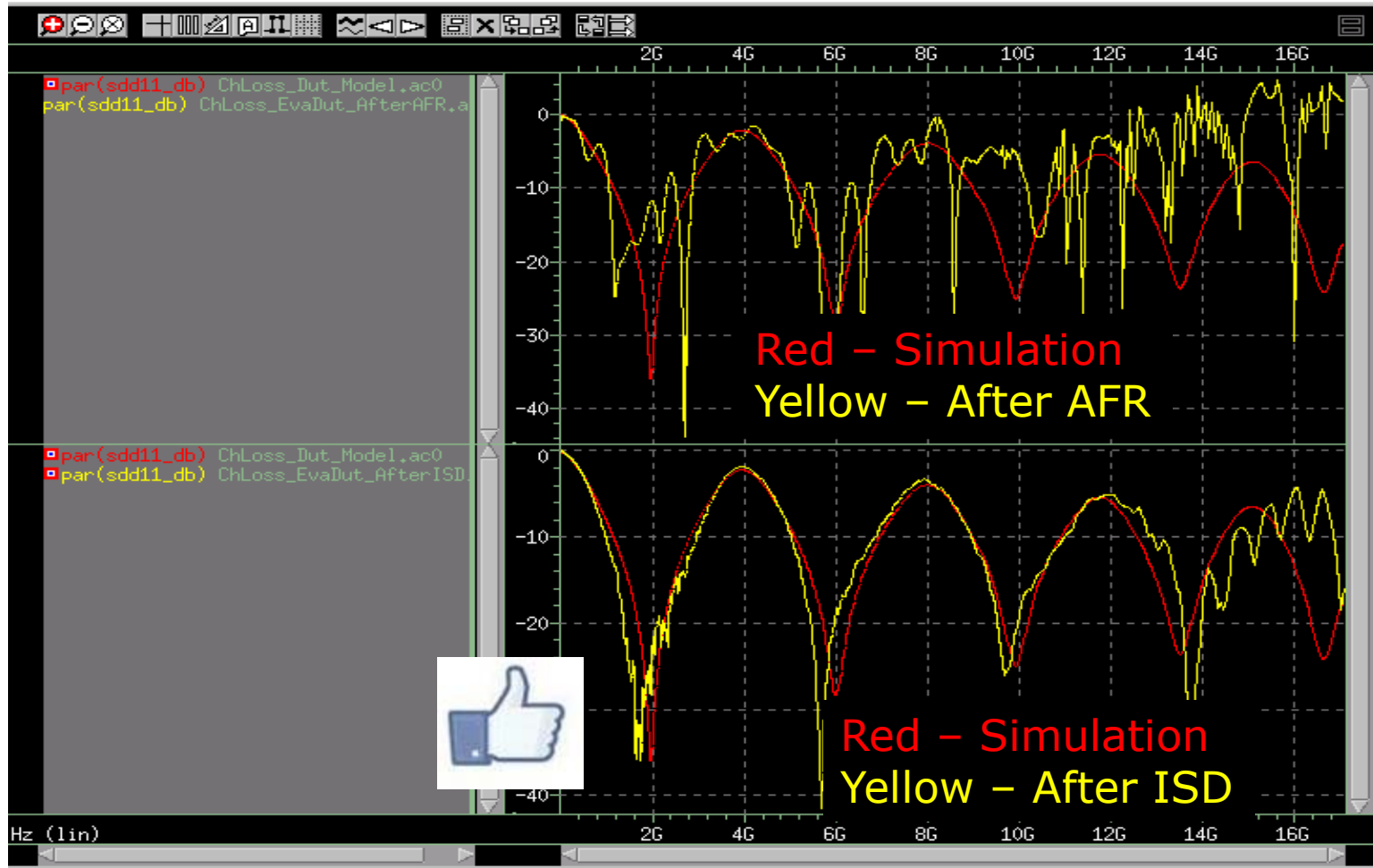
## *ISD vs. AFR vs. simulation*

- Good de-embedding is crucial for design verification (i.e., correlation) and improvement.



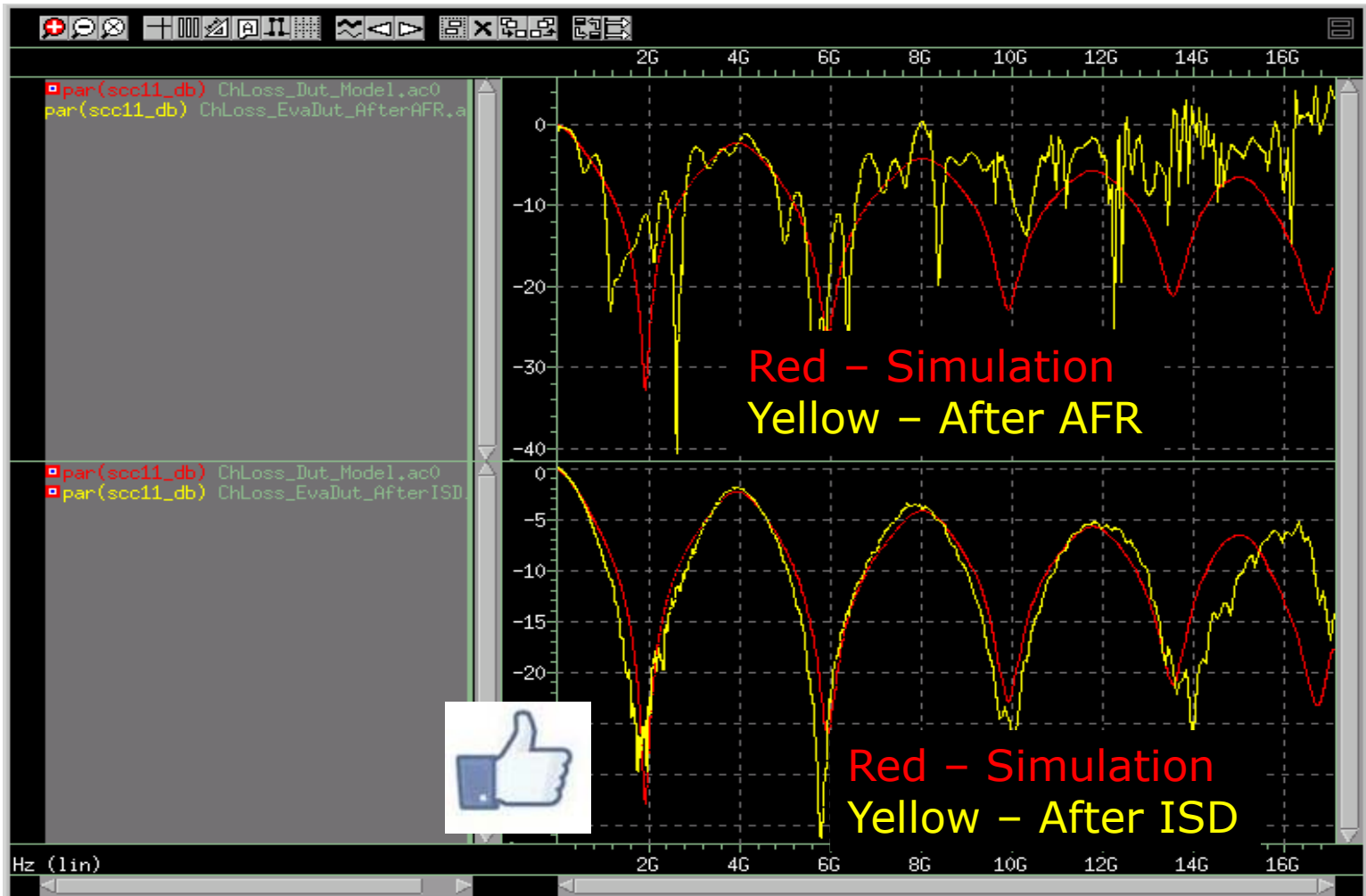
# SDD11

*ISD correlates with simulation much better*



# SCC11

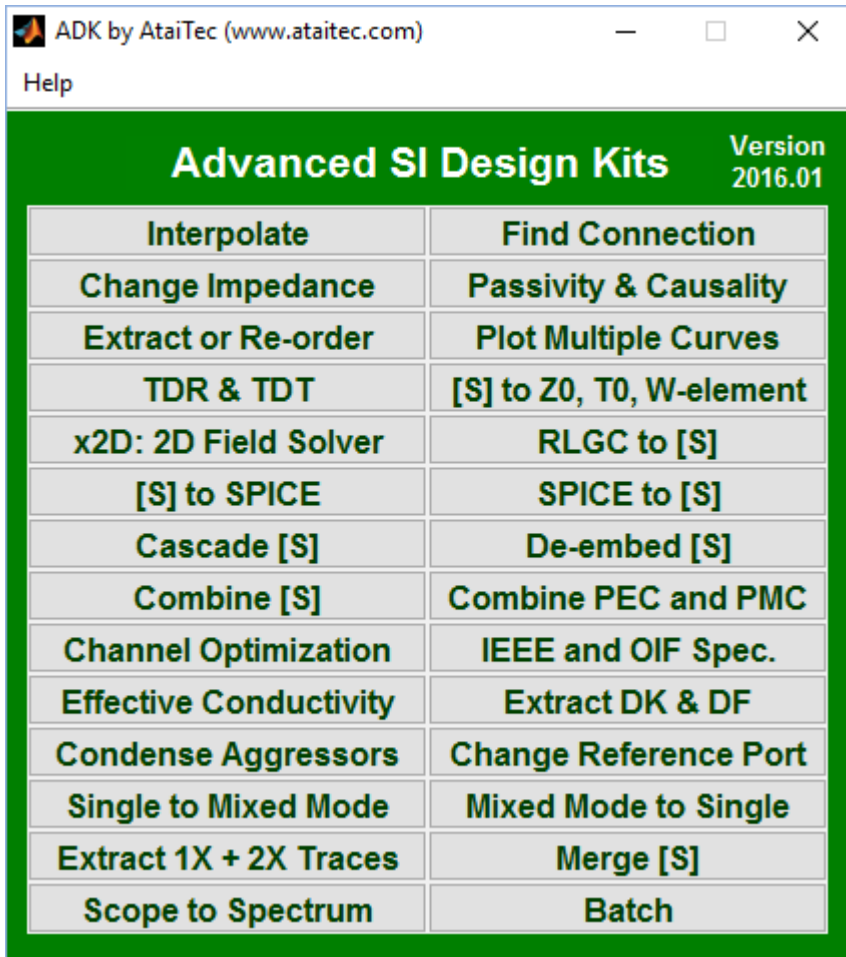
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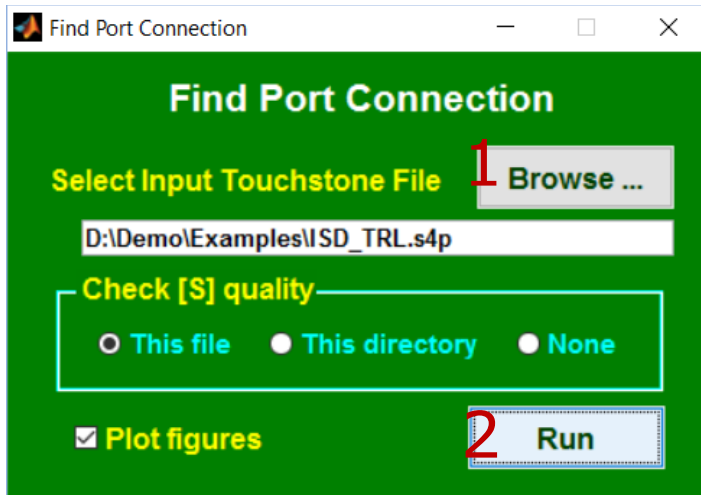
# Advanced SI Design Kits (ADK)

## *Many mobile-apps-like SI tools in one place*

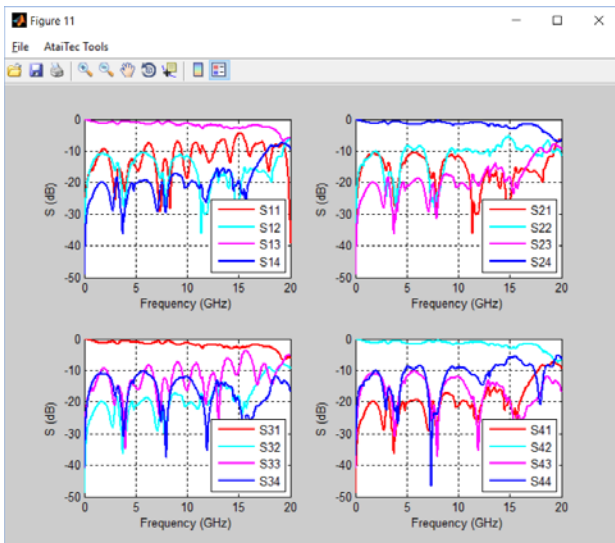


- Complex SI operations, from causality correction to eye diagrams, TDR/TDT, scope de-embedding, spectral analysis, ... in a few mouse clicks.
- Everything you want to do with S parameters in one place.
- Increase productivity.

# Find connection



- Quickly examine [S].
- Identify from-to connection.
- Identify near and far ends.
- Compute quality metrics.



File name: D:\Demo\Examples\ISD\_TRL.s4p

Total 800 points from 0.025 GHz to 20 GHz with 50 ohm Zref.

S-parameter quality (min.):

Reciprocity metric = 0.999992 for S(4,1)

Passivity metric = 0.999239 for S(1,1)

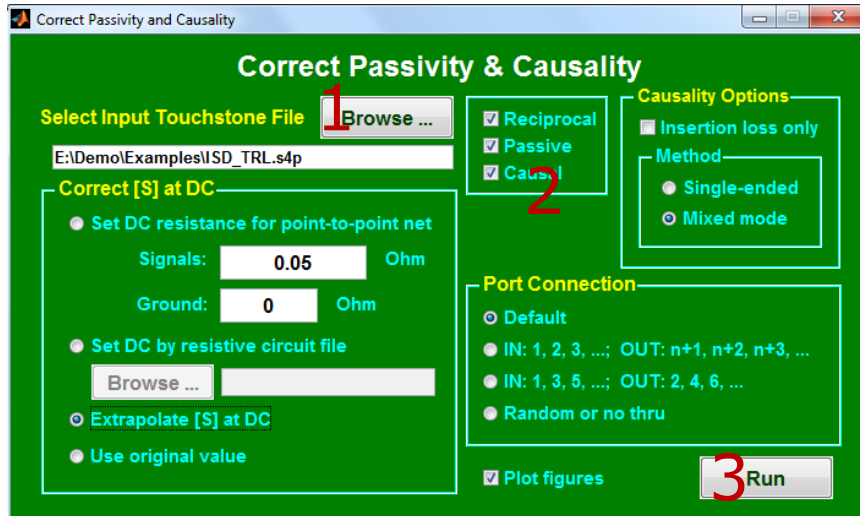
Causality metric = 0.556122 for S(1,1)

From-To Connections:

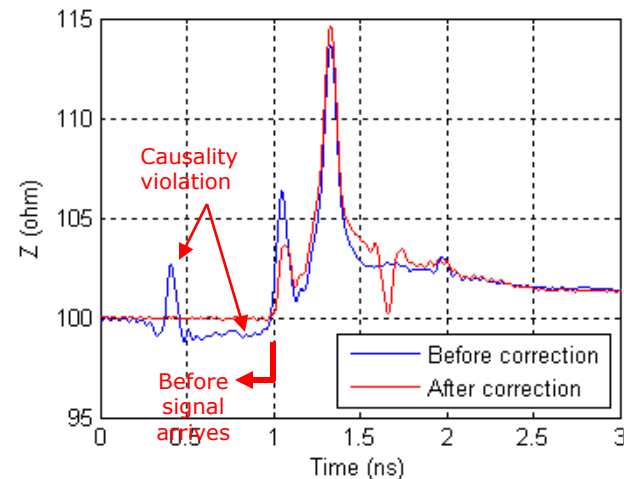
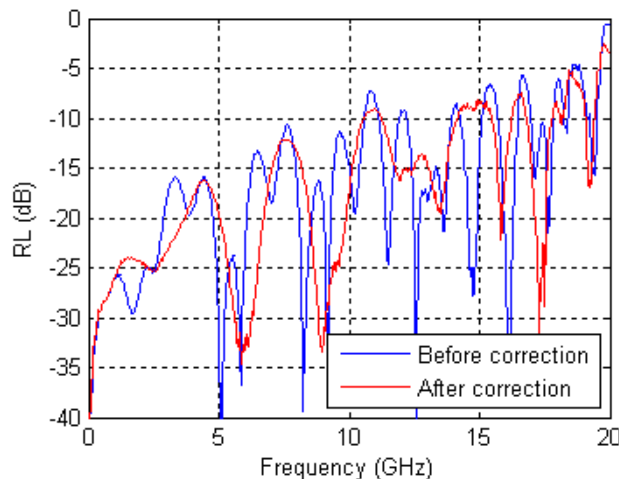
Port 1 -> 3

Port 2 -> 4

# Passivity & causality correction

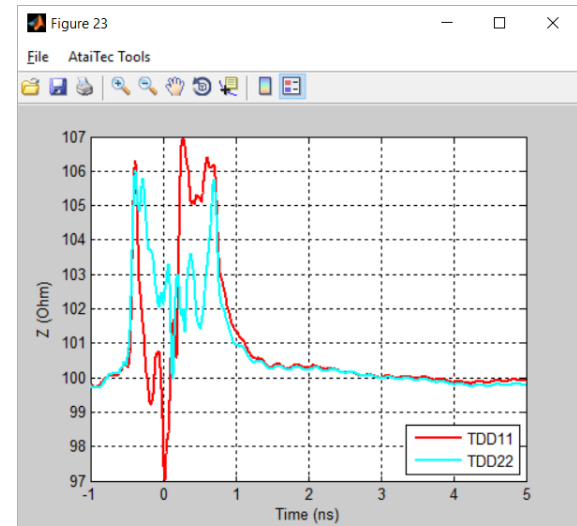
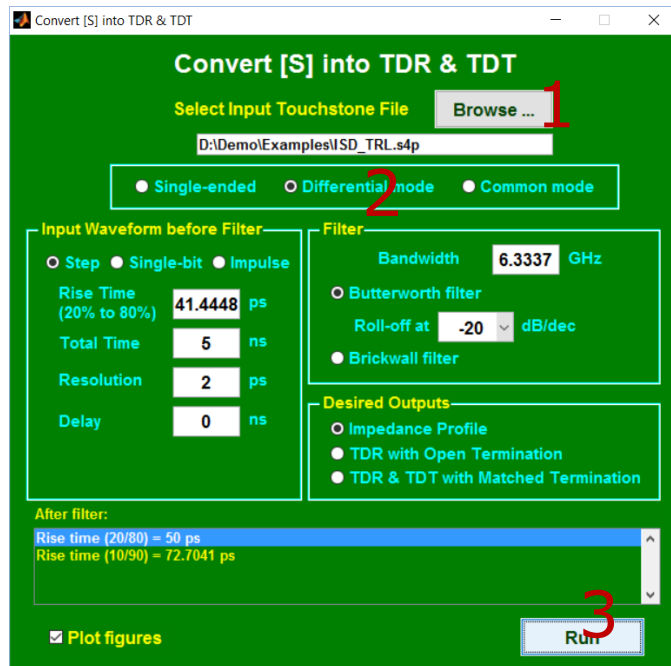


- Multiple ways to fill in DC.
  - Separate signal and ground resistance for DC coupling in point-to-point nets.
  - Resistive circuit for



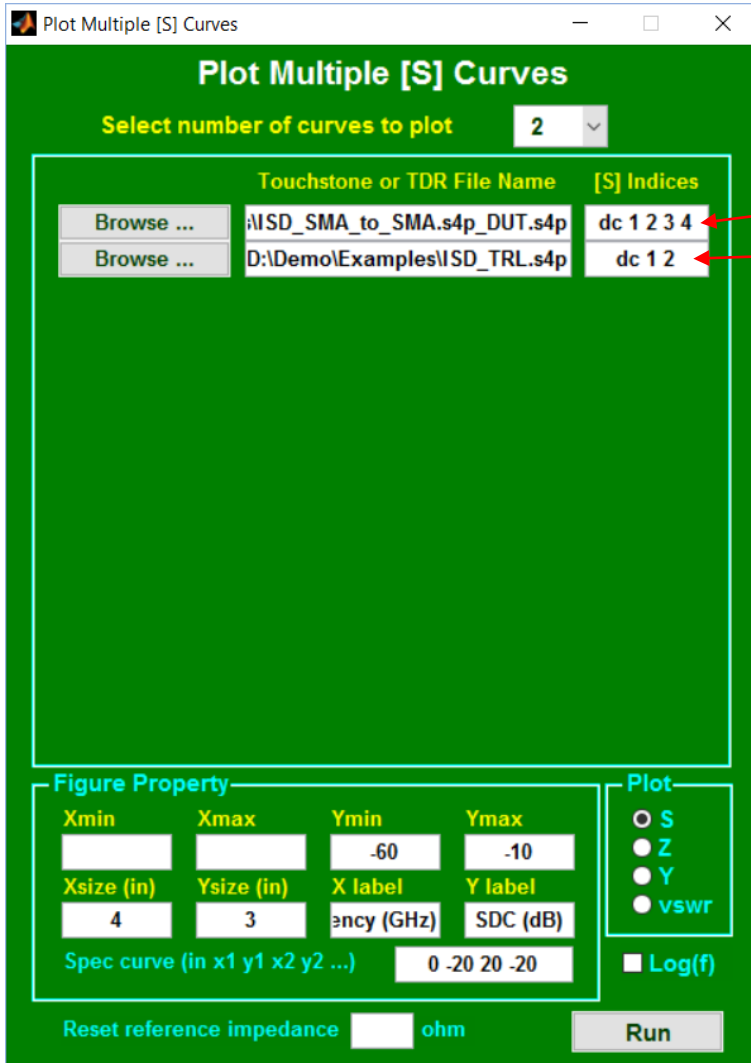
TDR @50 ps (20/80), shifted by 1ns

# [S] to TDR & TDT

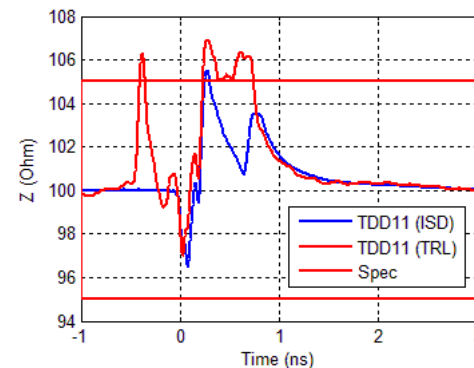
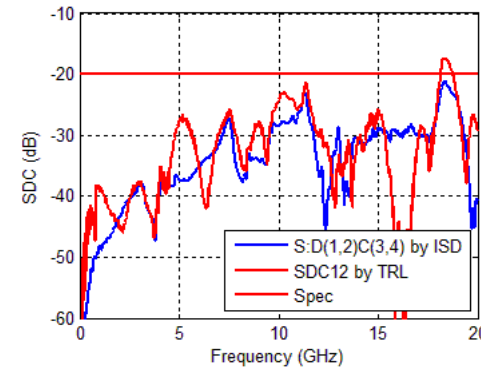


- Built-in filter & IFFT.
- Single-ended, differential or common mode.
- Step, single-bit or impulse response.
- Correlated with TDR equipment.

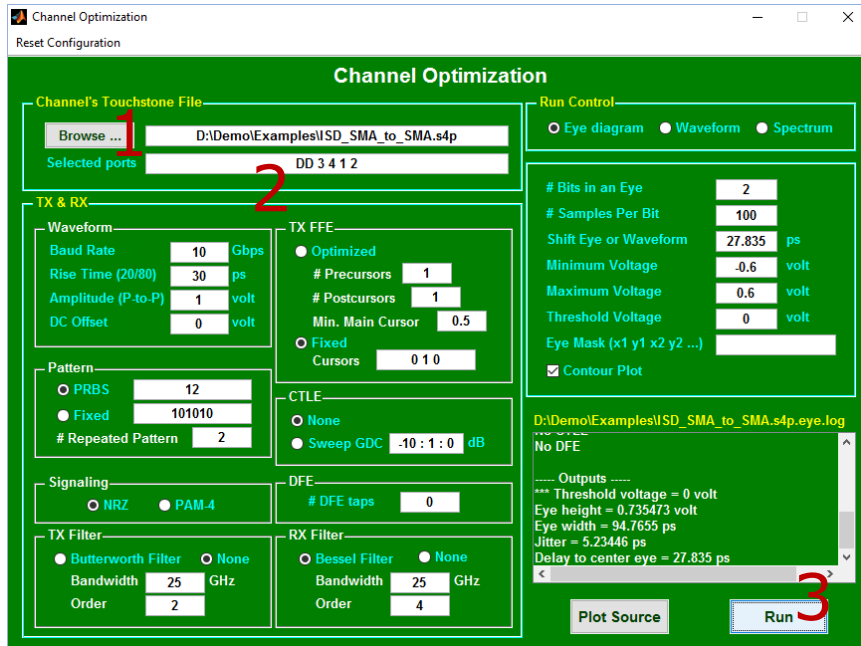
# Plot [S] and time-domain curves



- Single-ended and mixed-mode [S] or TDR/TDT with spec.
- Flexible port index entry.
- Automatically identify diff pair.



# Channel optimization



- [S] to eye diagram, waveform or spectrum.

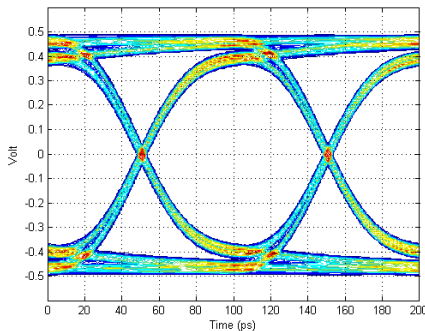
- Single-ended, differential or mixed-mode.

- With or without NEXT and FEXT.

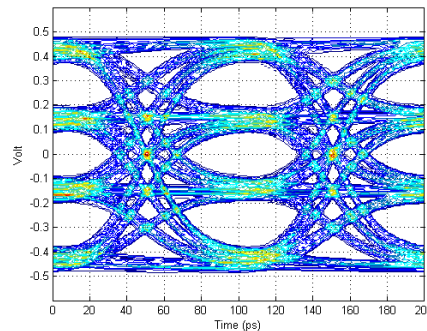
- With or without TX FFE, RX CTLE and DFE.

- Fixed or PRBS patterns.

- NRZ or PAM4

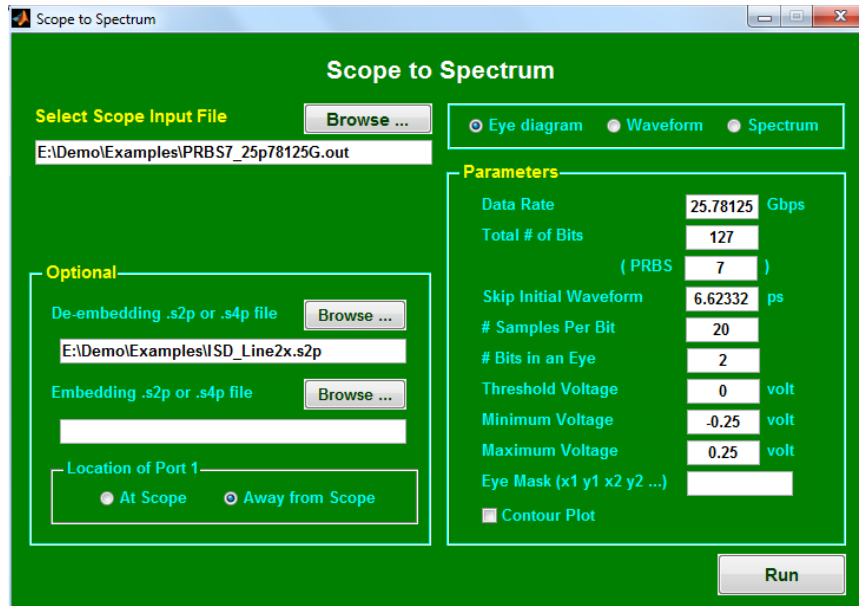


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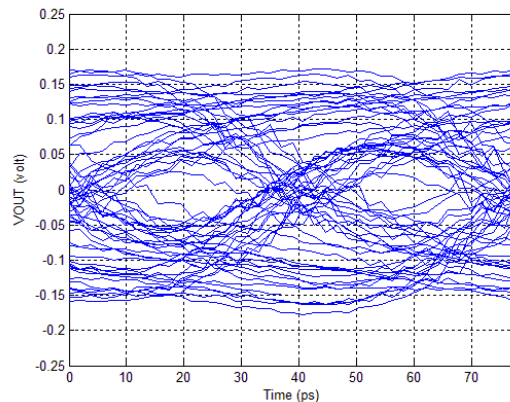


PAM4

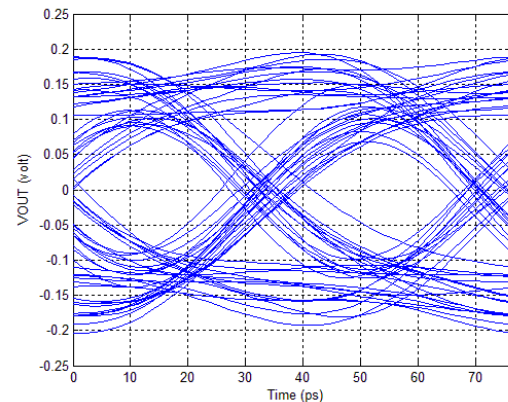
# Scope embedding & de-embedding



- Plot scope data in waveform, eye diagram or spectrum.
- Embed and/or de-embed [S] from scope data.



Original



After de-embedding

# X2D2

## Advanced 2D solver for surface roughness modeling

- Accurate 2D BEM field solver with causal dielectric and effective-conductivity surface roughness models.
- Compute impedance, RLGC matrices and S parameters.
- Create Touchstone file and frequency-dependent W-element model.

The screenshot displays the X2D2 software interface with several key sections highlighted by red boxes and labels:

- Material property:** A table listing dielectric and metal properties for multiple materials.
- Stackup:** A section for defining the layer structure of the PCB stackup.
- Conductors:** A table defining conductor layers, including their thickness, width, and spacing.

**Dielectric Property Table:**

Mat ID	Er	tanD	Sigma (S/m)
1	1	0	0
2	3.49	3.51	0
3	3.51	0.001	0

**Metal Property Table:**

Mat ID	Sigma (S/m)	Roughness (um)
51	5.8e7	0
52	5.8e7	0.1
53	5.8e7	0.2
54	5.8e7	0.8
55	5.8e7	1
56	5.8e7	1.5
57	5.8e7	2

**Conductor Table:**

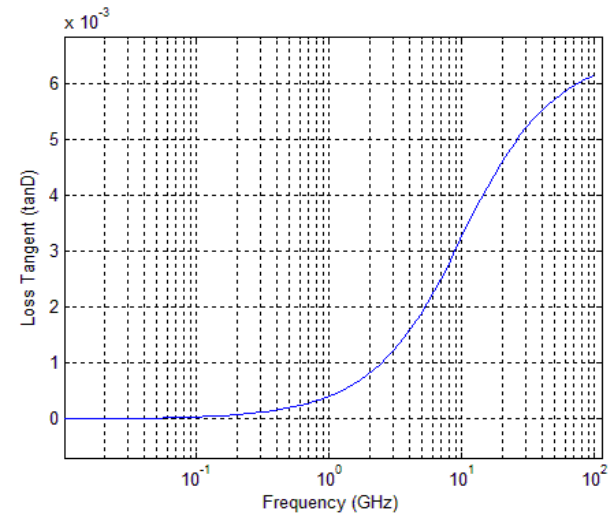
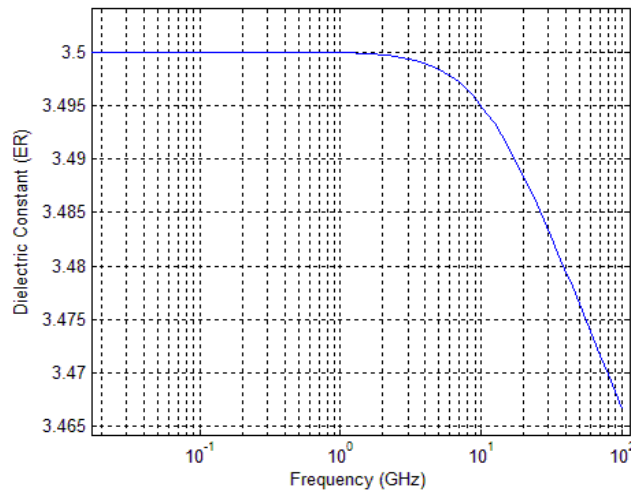
# Conductors	Thickness	Top Width	Bottom Width	Spacing	x Offset	Mat ID	
Bottom Ground	0.7					54	
Metal 1	2	0.014	0.1164	0.115	0.1456	0	54
Top Ground	0.7					54	



# Causal dielectric model

- Wideband Debye (or Djordjevic-Sarkar) model
  - Need only four variables:  $\varepsilon_\infty$  ,  $\Delta\varepsilon$  ,  $m_2$  ,  $m_1$

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_\infty + \Delta\varepsilon \cdot \frac{1}{m_2 - m_1} \cdot \log_{10} \left( \frac{10^{m_2} + i \cdot f}{10^{m_1} + i \cdot f} \right)$$
$$= \varepsilon_r \cdot (1 - i \cdot \tan \delta)$$



$$\varepsilon_\infty = 3.35 \text{ , } \Delta\varepsilon = 0.15 \text{ , } m_2 = 10 \text{ , } m_1 = 14.5$$

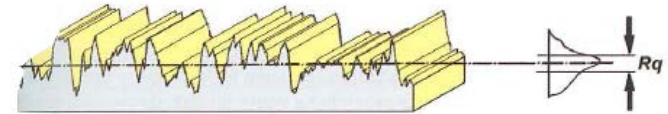
# Surface roughness model

- Effective conductivity (by G. Gold & K. Helmreich at DesignCon 2014) needs only two variables:  $\sigma_{bulk}$ ,  $R_q$

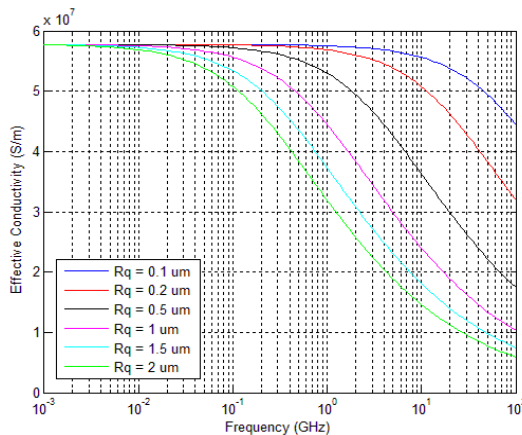
Parameter	Description	Standard
$R_q$	root mean square	DIN EN ISO 4287
$R_a$	arithmetic average	DIN EN ISO 4287, ANSI B 46.1
$R_t$	core roughness depth	DIN EN ISO 13565
$R_z$	average surface roughness	DIN EN ISO 4287

Table 1: Statistical parameters to describe surface roughness

$$\sigma(x) = \sigma_{bulk} \cdot CDF(x) = \sigma_{bulk} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^x PDF(x) du = \sigma_{bulk} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{u^2}{2R_q^2}} du$$



- Numerically solving  $\nabla^2 \bar{B} - j\omega\mu\sigma\bar{B} + \frac{\nabla\sigma}{\sigma} \times (\nabla \times \bar{B}) = 0$  and equating power to that of smooth surface gives  $\sigma_{eff}$

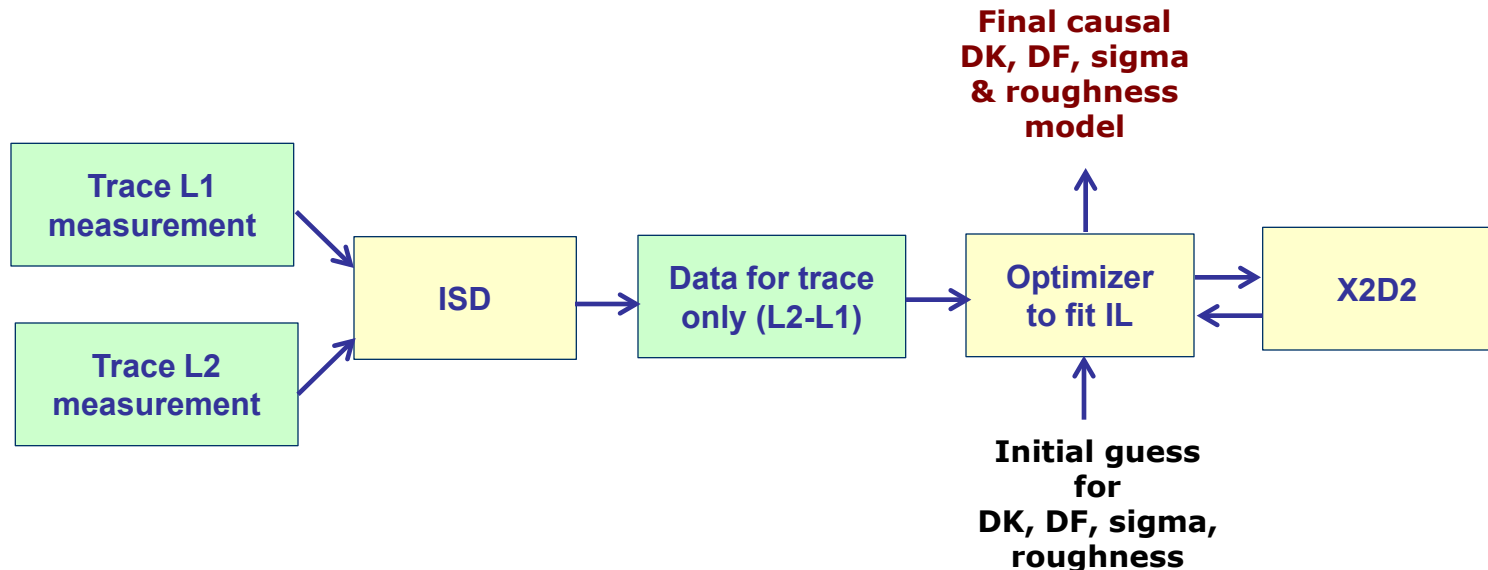


$$\sigma_{bulk} = 5.8 \times 10^7 \text{ s/m}$$

- ❖ Simple
- ❖ Work well with field solver
- ❖ Give effect of roughness on all IL, RL, NEXT and FEXT

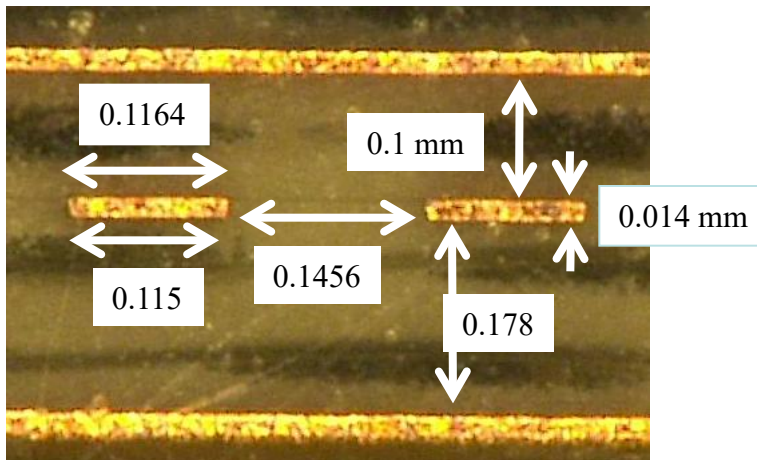
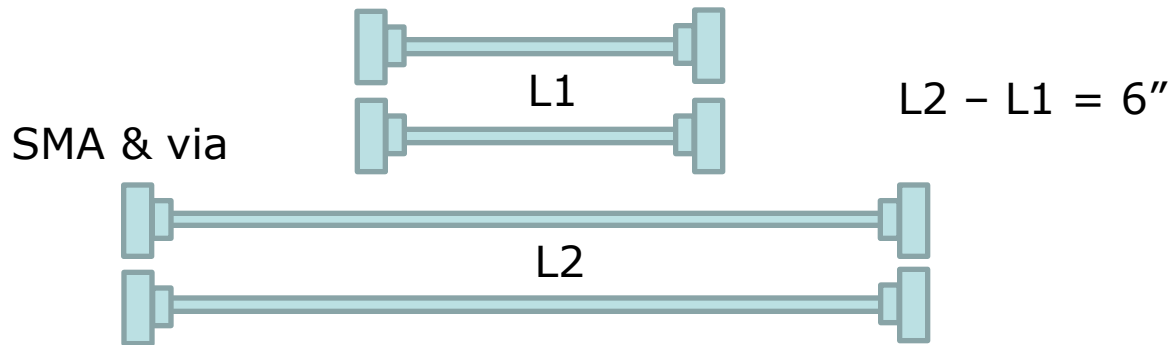
# Using ISD and X2D2 to extract material property

- Measure two traces of different length (L1 & L2).
- Use ISD to extract trace-only data.
- Extract causal DK, DF and surface roughness models by running X2D2 to fit IL in both magnitude and phase.

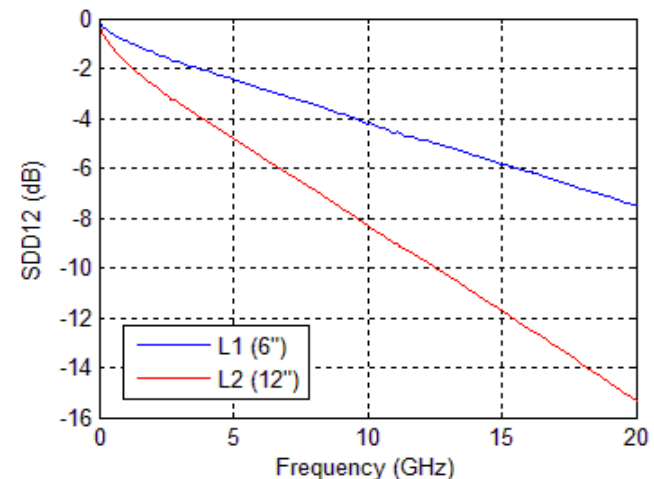


# Example

- Two differential stripline traces of different length (L1 & L2) are measured.

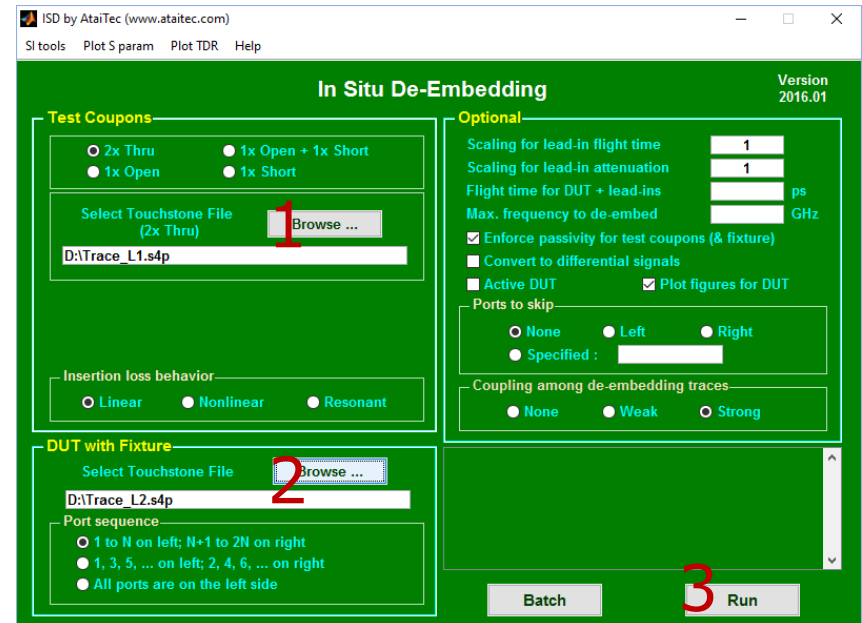
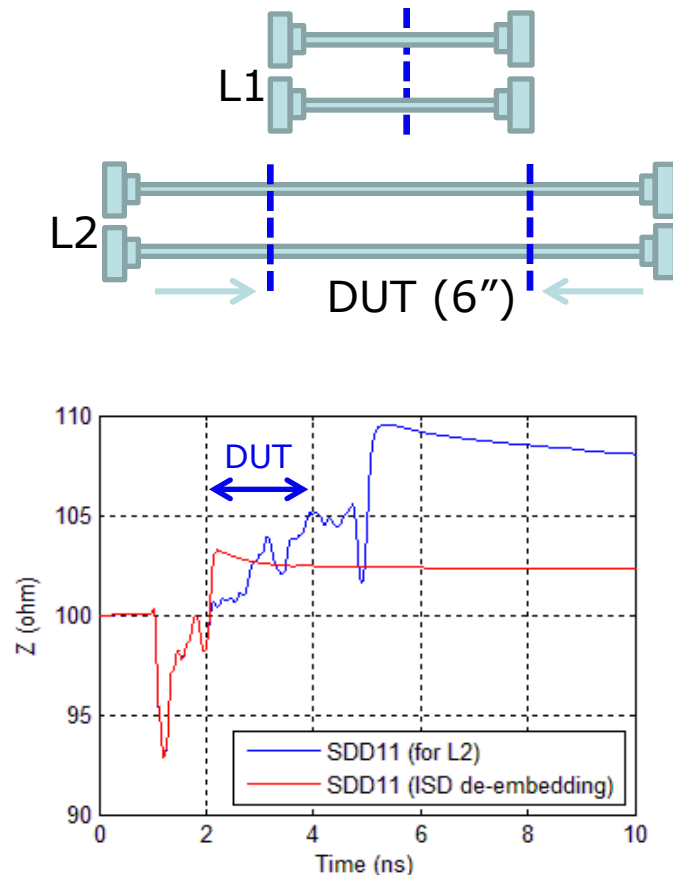


Cross section



# Using ISD to extract trace-only data

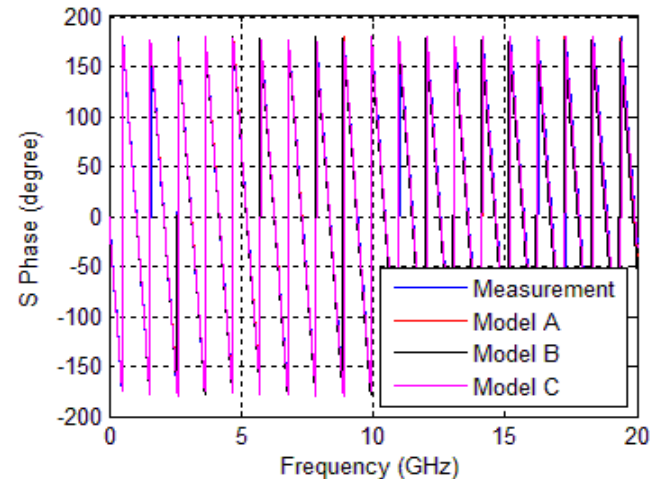
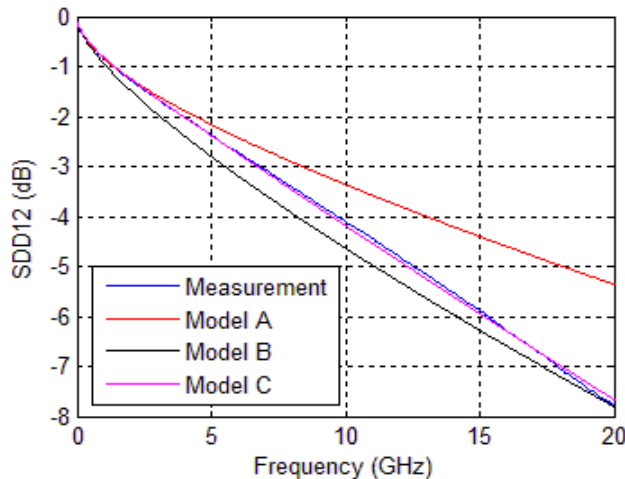
- ISD uses L1 as 2x thru and matches L2 impedance to extract DUT (6" trace).



# Using X2D2 to compare different models

## Optimized model gives the desired material property

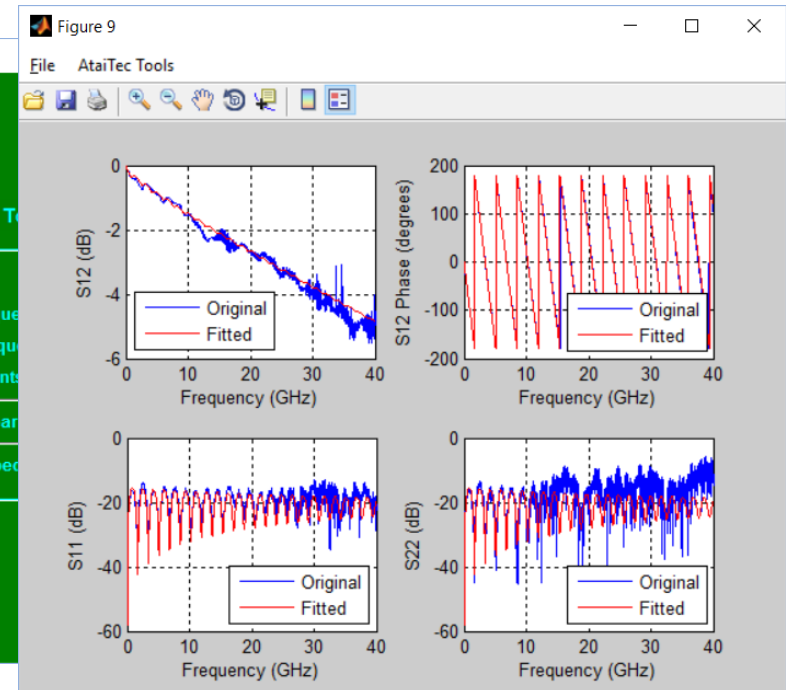
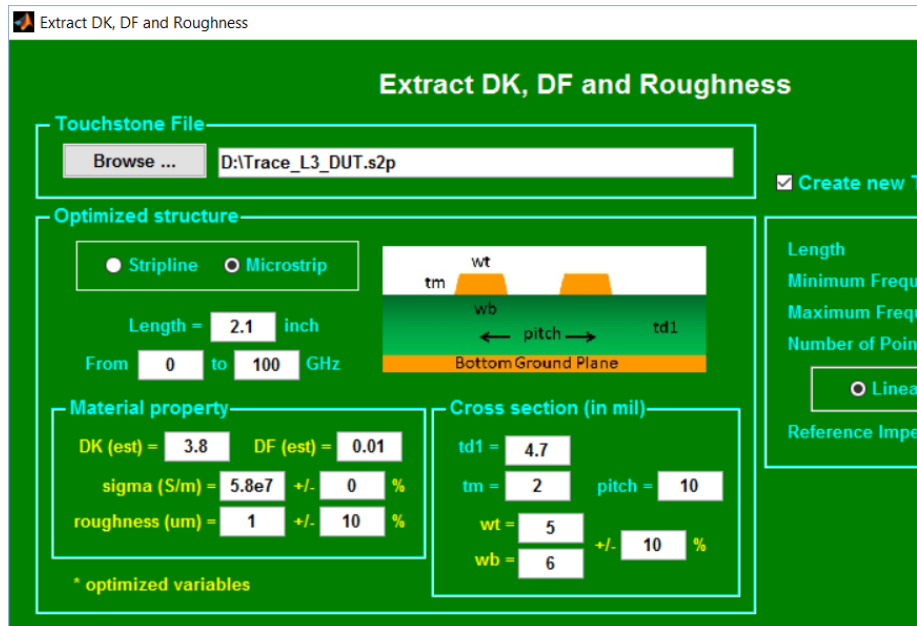
- Model A (manufacturer's) –  $DK=3.51$ ,  $DF=0.004$ ,  
 $\sigma_{bulk} = 5.8 \times 10^7$  s/m,  $R_q = 0$
- Model B (intermediate) –  $DK=3.51$ ,  $DF=0.004$ ,  
 $\sigma_{bulk} = 5.8 \times 10^7$  s/m,  $R_q = 1 \mu m$
- Model C (optimized) –  $\epsilon_{\infty} = 3.35$ ,  $\Delta\epsilon = 0.15$ ,  $m_2 = 10$ ,  $m_1 = 14.5$   
 $\sigma_{bulk} = 5.8 \times 10^7$  s/m,  $R_q = 0.8 \mu m$



*Fitting differential IL in both magnitude and phase*

# Automated extraction of DK, DF, roughness and 2D cross section

- Built-in templates for microstrips and striplines.
  - Other templates (such as cable) can be easily added.
- Easily create trace S param for any length and to any frequency.

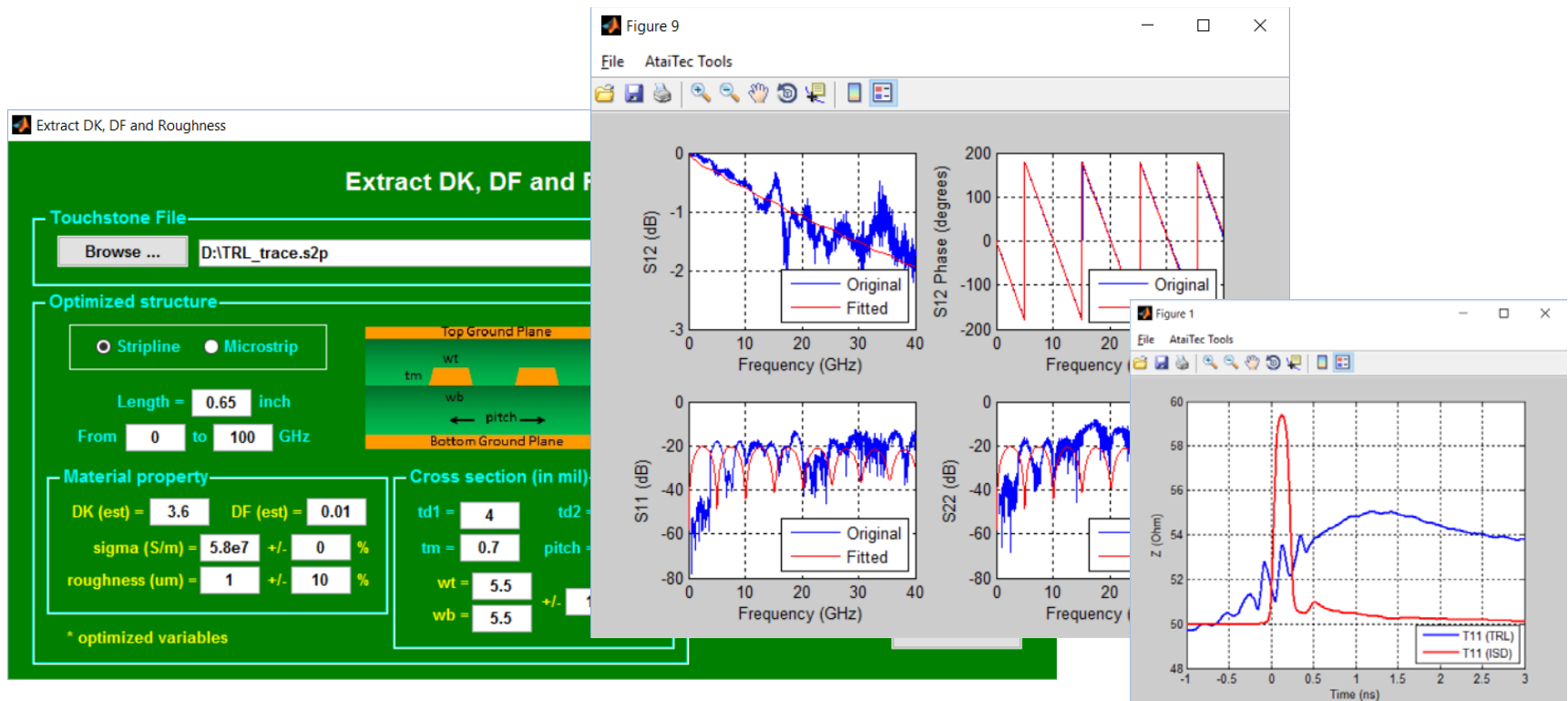


*Note: We can fit RL from ISD but not from TRL because TRL's RL is often non-physical.*

# RL is crucial for DK extraction

## *Use ISD instead of TRL results for extraction*

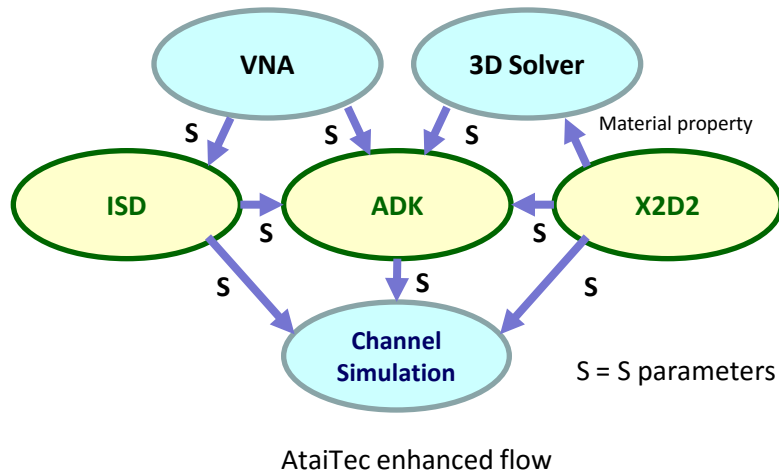
- TRL gives non-physical RL and will be impossible to fit. Matching RL is crucial because it affects DK and cross section (and therefore length, DF and roughness).





# Summary

- AtaiTec's mobile-apps-like signal integrity software helps improve productivity with most applications in ~3 clicks.
  - ISD fixes causality problems commonly found in de-embedding.
  - ADK is a one-stop shop for many SI applications.
  - X2D2 models and extracts DK, DF and surface roughness.

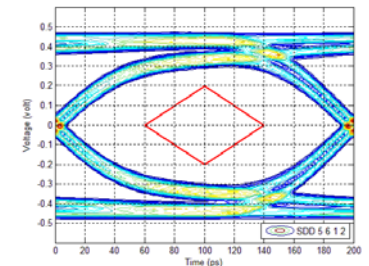


ADK by AtaiTec (www.ataitec.com)

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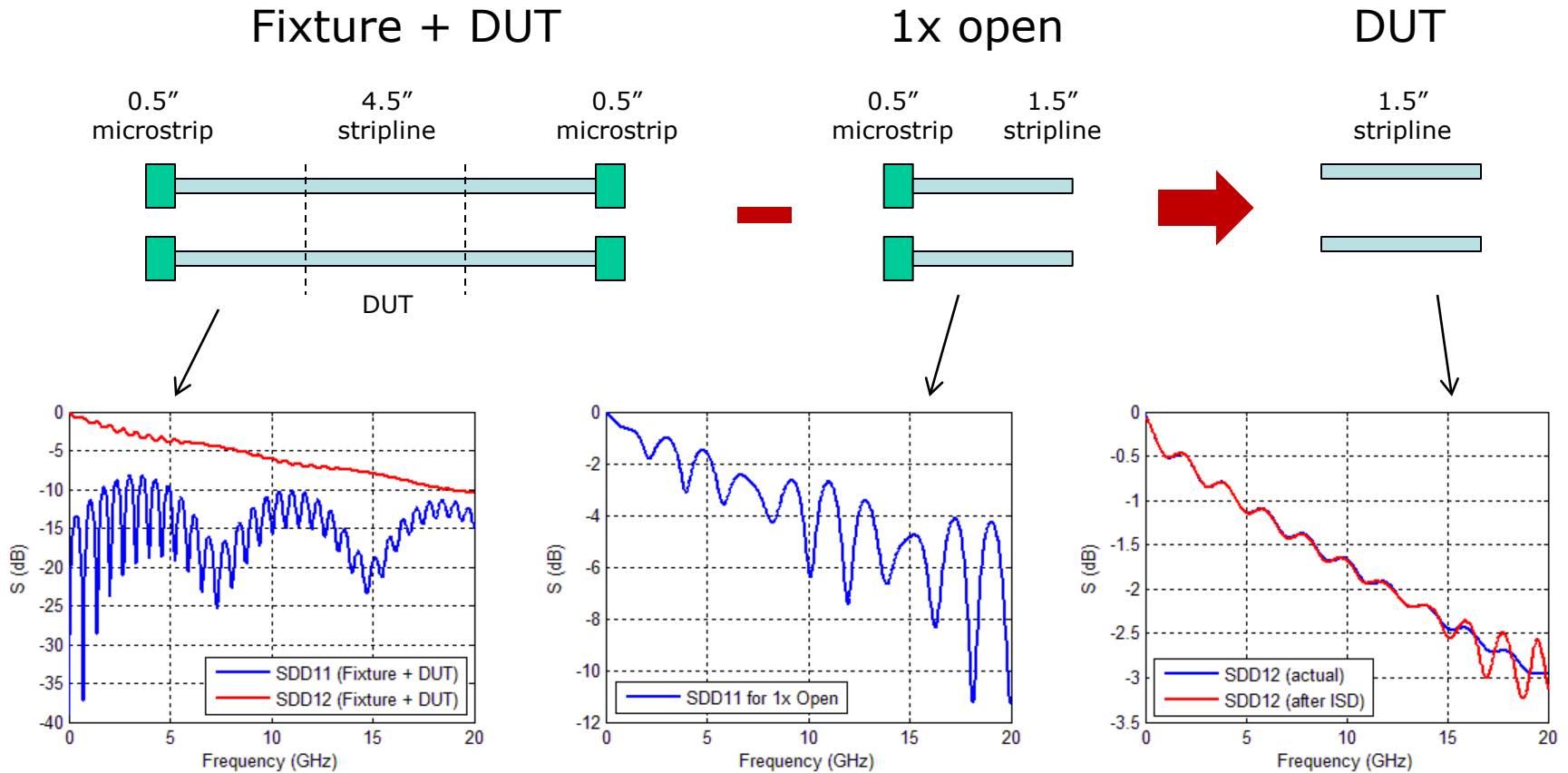
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Cascade [S]	De-embed [S]
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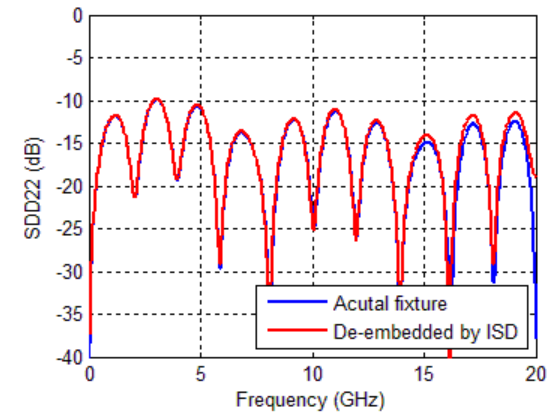
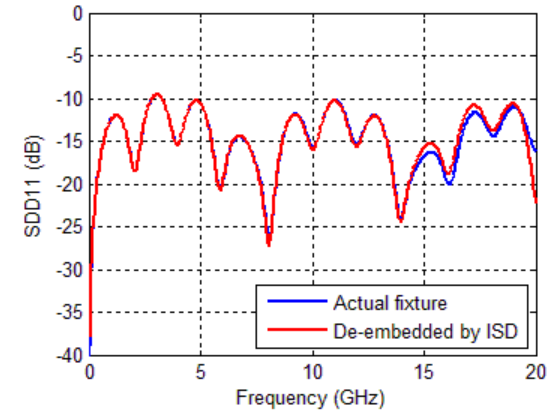
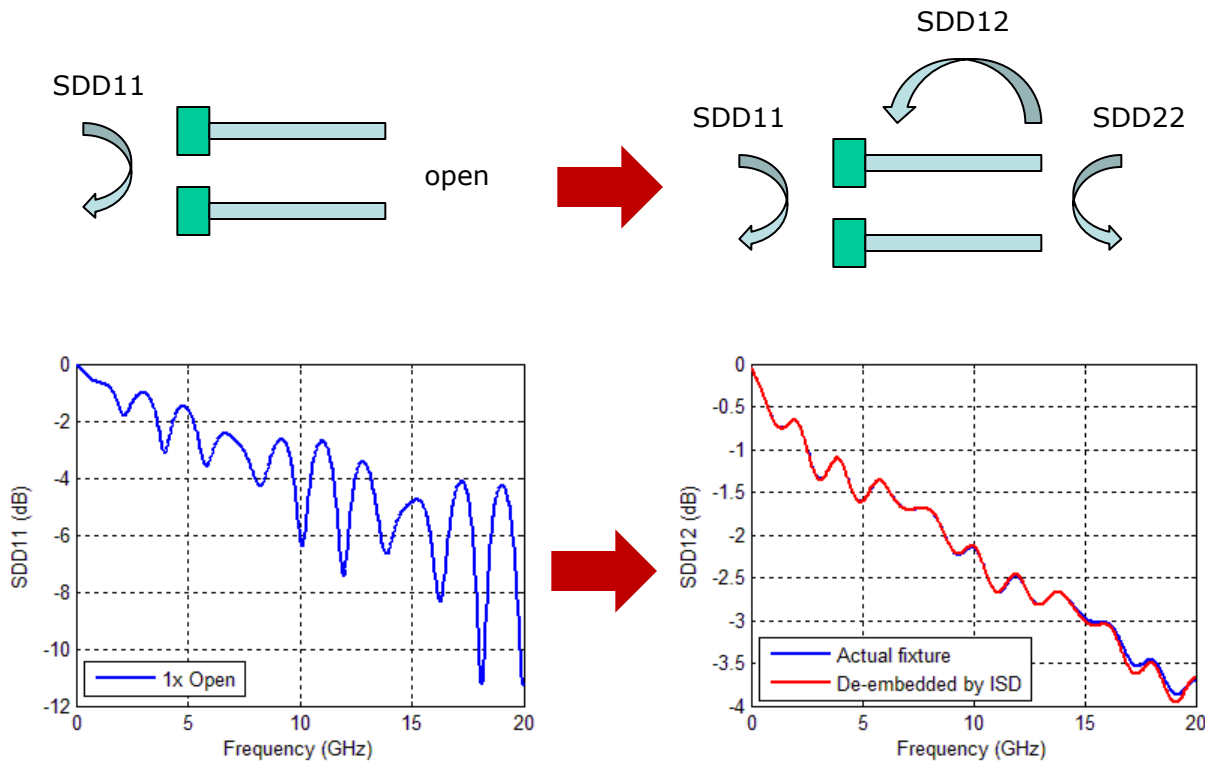
# Appendix

1x Open De-embedding

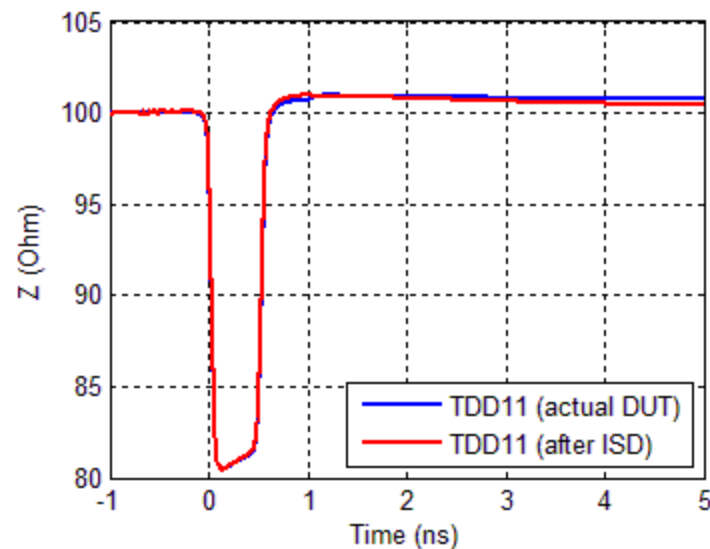
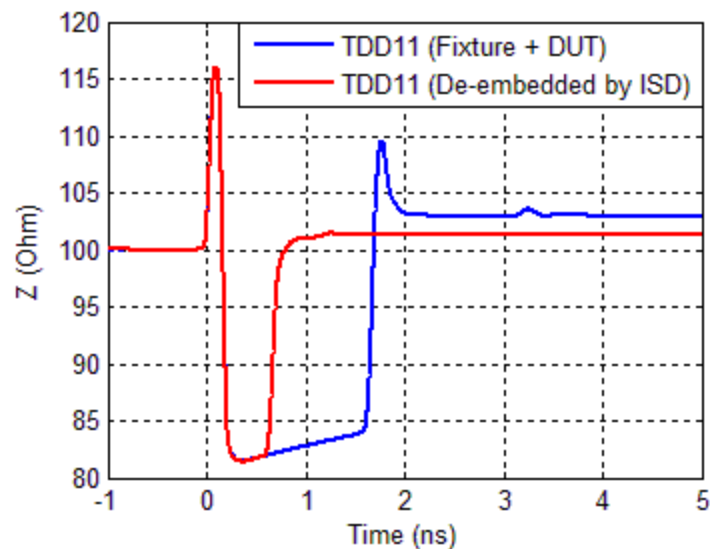
# ISD's new 1x open de-embedding needs only one 1x open test coupon



# ISD can reconstruct 1x thru's IL and RL from 1x open's RL



# ISD's "in-situ" technology matches the fixture's impedance for de-embedding



# IL and RL extracted by ISD match the actual values very well

